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Federal ad spending with Black-owned firms dismal; NNPA demands action

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Contributor

Over the past five fiscal years from 2013 to 2017, federal government agencies have spent approximately \$5 billion in advertising, but a minute share—\$327 million—went to minority-owned businesses, according to a long-awaited report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The federal government serves as the largest advertiser in the country.

While non-minority-owned businesses continue to rake in billions of dollars in federal advertising money, Hispanic-owned businesses received just \$192 million over five years—or about \$38.4 million per year.

Black-owned businesses netted just \$51 million—or roughly \$10 million per year over the five years covered in the new report, which was prepared over a nine-month period beginning last October. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) requested the report.

Native American-owned businesses were the recipients of \$50 million in advertising spending over the past five fiscal years while Asian



NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., speaks outside of the U.S. Capitol during a joint press conference with the NNPA and the National Association Hispanic Publications on Capitol Hill in March 2016. D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (far left) joined the press conference to call for the GAO report to examine how much federal agencies spend on advertising with minority-owned firms. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

American-owned enterprises received \$31 million over the same period, according to the report.

Ethnicities classified as “other” received \$3 million.

“Today, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP) received the long-awaited report from the United States GAO, a study that was triggered by the NNPA and NAHP, working with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton’s office, members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus,” said NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

“This factual report exposes gross, racial discrimination and the refusal of the federal agencies cited in the report to be serious about diversity and inclusion with respect to annual federal spending on advertising.”

Dr. Chavis continued: “For the government to admit, today, on the record, that in the last five fiscal

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Chris Howell

In sports, a huddle is when the team gathers together to strategize, motivate or celebrate in a safe and trusted environment. Today, men need a place to huddle where they can address the many issues of their everyday lives. The “In the Huddle with Chris Howell” event is that safe place and time of enlightenment, encouragement, and empowerment for all men. Taking place on Saturday, August 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel, this men’s empowerment event will feature an array of highlights including an inspiring



keynote address by Hiawatha Williams, founder and owner of Dallas’ renown Williams Chicken.

“I believe that men need this type of coming together now more than ever; as it appears that they have be-

come discouraged and mentally fatigued,” said Chris Howell, award-winning founder of the Chris Howell Foundation. “As I look across the landscape at the men in my circles, I no longer see the fire in their eyes and when asked about it, no one can quite say what has caused it to go dim. It is my hope that this event will bring men of all backgrounds together to have open and honest conversations.”

Presented by the Chris Howell Foundation, “In the Huddle with Chris Howell” is a half-day event created to inform and inspire men of all backgrounds to become the team captain of

their lives. From family and health to money and careers, attendees will be equipped with tools and resources to reach optimal success in all areas of their lives. Workshops and presentations will be presented by an array of industry experts including Johnny Mack and Benny “Make it Happen” Franklin. The following are among the featured sessions for the day:

A #MeToo Panel Discussion: Moderated by Chris Howell, this panel will feature an insightful discussion about ways to respond to the #MeToo Movement and ways to navigate throughout the workplace.

A Man & His Money: Fa-

cilitated by Financial Institution, this session will provide an in-depth look at money and what it means to be financially literate.

A Man & His Coach: Facilitated by John Maxwell Certified Coach and Speaker, Benny Franklin, this session will discuss the benefits of having a coach in every area of life.

A Man & His Health: Facilitated by physicians from Methodist Charlton, this session will discuss preventive health measures as well as the increase of testosterone clinics and their risks.

“An event of this kind is needed amongst our com-

munity,” said Hiawatha Williams, founder and owner of Williams Chicken. “I am truly honored to be able to share my testimony and the many lessons I’ve learned along my journey to inspire men from all walks of life.”

The “In the Huddle with Chris Howell” event is exclusively for men. Tickets to attend are only \$25 and can be purchased by visiting www.inthehuddle.info. A three-course lunch is included with registration. Additionally, vendor and sponsorship opportunities are still available and can be requested by contacting info@chrishowellonline.com.

Danette Anthony Reed

Danette Anthony Reed, recently was elected International First Vice President of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated during its 68th National Convention in Houston, TX.

Reed, a Life Member of the Sorority and a charter member of Omicron Mu Omega Chapter in Dallas Texas, comes to this position with more than four decades of service to the Sorority and more than three decades as a corporate executive. She previously



held the offices of International Treasurer, Chapter President, Educational Advancement Foundation, and Housing Foundation Treasurer within the sorority.

Reed received an MBA from Southern Methodist University and a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Northwestern University. She is a retired corporate executive of PepsiCo, Frito-Lay Division and was the first African-American woman Plant Director for Frito-Lay.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated international program theme for the next four years, under incoming President, Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, Tennessee State University’s President, is “Exemplifying Excellence through Sustain-

able Service.” Sorority members will be engaged in activities focusing on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Women’s Healthcare and Wellness, Building Economic Legacies, the Arts and Global Impact. The Sorority’s signature program, #CAP – College Admissions Process, will focus on motivating and assisting students through the college entry process. Reed, as National First Vice President, is responsible for assisting President Glover deliver the Sorority’s international programs and implement other

initiatives as requested.

In assuming her new role, Reed says, “I am committed to serve every region, every chapter and most importantly, every member. I will use my God-given gifts to lead with Sisterhood and Service above self.”

Reed’s service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated includes the offices of International Treasurer, Chapter President, Educational Advancement Foundation, and Housing Foundation Treasurer. Additionally, she served as Chairman of the International Finance Com-

mittee, and member of the Investment, Building & Properties, Strategic Planning, and Nominating committees.

During her tenure as a corporate executive of PepsiCo, Frito-Lay Division, Reed was the first African-American woman Plant Director for Frito-Lay where she led the startup of the Dallas Baked Snacks manufacturing facility—that produced snack foods. She received PepsiCo Chairman’s Award which recognizes and rewards distinguished and extraordinary leaders.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Dallas Cowboys start new season with new faces

The Cowboys always have great talent but usually are not able to put it all together. This is probably due to the way the organization is run from the top. Everyone has always said Jerry needs to let the coach be the coach and that never seems to happen. Losing however has never seemed to hurt the value of the Cowboys in terms of dollars.

Be that as it may...this year; Jerry’s insensitivity to the issue of police misconduct as it relates to black people has driven me from



the crowd of Cowboy fans. Until he takes a more sensible position on the national anthem protest at the games, I will be anything but a Cowboys fan.

So; forget the Cowboys...

- Anonymous

Students raise voices in Dallas’ first youth-led protest

First youth-led protest? @NDGEditor, who fact-checked this story? Maybe the writer could do a follow-up story about

the long history of youth activism in Dallas. #StudentVoice Via Twitter @Teens_Tk_Charge

Kudos for the prompt response. Are you going to change anything? @the-grade via Twitter

Reply from @NDGEditor: I have spoken with the writer again and she indicated that is how the organizers referred to the event throughout the protest. However, we do appreciate your feedback.

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A New Generation of Freedom Fighters

Black Youth Are Taking Up the Mantle of Leadership in America

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Without being given much direction, Black youth have seemingly taken matters into their own hands, relative to their future here in America, by strategizing, organizing and mobilizing.

Whether on social media or through community activism in the streets, Black youth are proactively pushing the agenda forward and forcing society to no longer ignore many of the issues that have been impacting the Black community for decades. Many have decided to take an even greater step towards bringing about change, by getting involved with politics.

These bold efforts to express themselves in ways that are progressive and substantive have given Black youth a clearer vision for their future and an even greater sense of purpose that has given them an alternative to doing things that are detrimental to their future.

Because many of their Black predecessors dropped the ball and failed to effectively protect them from the many dangers and pitfalls they have had to face without adequate support, it forced this new generation of Black freedom fighters to become more knowledgeable about things.

Black youth have chosen to stand up and fight for themselves, in spite of the lack of collective support they have received from the Blacks who came before them who were beneficiaries of the civil rights struggle.

That is why the Black Lives Matter movement was birthed and gained so much traction.

Black Lives Matter was formed by a small remnant of Black youth who were sick and tired of being sick and tired. This energized group of young, African Americans wanted to do something about the issue of police brutality, as well as other critical issues that were negatively impacting the Black community, particularly Black youth.

Black Lives Matter isn't

the first example of young, African Americans creating movements and platforms to allow their voices to be heard and making a difference. The hip-hop community was formed because many Black youth wanted to express themselves and needed an outlet to talk about the things they were dealing with in their respective communities and facing in this country. Just as it has been since inception, hip hop has become a steady tool used by Black youth to influence society and make a difference.

While there are a myriad of things currently impacting Blacks in America, the advent of social media has given Black youth the necessary access to news and information to keep them up-to-speed on everything they need to know.

Prior to social media, many young, Black people were disconnected from news and politics and had limited interest in things such as reading newspapers, watching news channels, listening to talk radio or keeping up with major current events and social issues online.

Now, through social media, Black youth have the ability to get this information in real time and in a way that is interactive and enlightening to them. This has caused many young, Black people to become more engaged in and educated about issues that truly impact their daily lives.

As America finds itself in the midst of a crucial midterm election, young, African Americans have chosen to get even more involved and are looking for more ways to make a difference, versus looking for leadership and assistance from older Blacks who many believe have abandoned them or from traditional mainstream Black institutions where they feel they don't belong. Black youth have found themselves searching for answers and looking for quality leadership to help them navigate through these tumultuous waters called life in America.

Getting involved in community activism and politics

may be the tools that they need to make more of an impact. Black youth need direction.

This new generation of freedom fighters needs to be mentored and not ignored. This new generation of freedom fighters needs to be encouraged and not berated. This new generation of freedom fighters needs to be praised and not overly criticized. Many Black youth are tired of having to figure things out on their own, but have come to the realization that they are living in a country that does not seem to value their Black lives. They are fighting for their lives and seeking relevance the only way they know how—through using the tools and resources they have at their disposal and by getting engaged by any means necessary.

Since desegregation in the 1960s—and the election of President Barack Obama, decades later—some Blacks bought into the false pretense that America had transitioned to a post-racial society and that they would no longer be affected by the things their predecessors had to endure.

Fast forward to 2018, and we see that many of the Black youth who were never taught the realities of racism or never forced to experience the sting of segregation, are seeing a very different America than the one they grew up believing existed. In many ways, especially when looking at statistics and the current climate in America, Black people are facing many of the same issues they had to deal with during segregation. Sadly, in many cases, it has become far worse.

If Black youth are shown the importance of politics, the effectiveness of government and the impact of voting, they will do those things and be excited about being a part of them.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), which represents over 200 Black-owned media companies across the U.S., recognizes Black youth as an important part of the

future of America. Through their efforts to register 5 million new, Black voters before the midterm elections in 2018, tapping into the energized spirit of Black youth in this country to accomplish that goal has been a primary focus of the group and one they believe will make a huge difference come November.

NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. says that he is encouraged today by the tenacity and courage of Black youth to challenge White supremacy, hatred and bigotry.

“The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) takes note, with a sense of pride, in the renewed activism and self-determination of today's Black American youth leaders,” Dr. Chavis said. “The struggle for freedom, justice and equality is intergenerational. Each generation is obligated to wage the next stage of the struggle with a relentless courage to win more victories and to improve the quality of life of our families and communities throughout the world.”

Dr. Chavis continued: “As one of the seasoned elders of the Black Freedom Movement in the U.S. and throughout the African Diaspora, we want the world to know that Black Lives Matter is a welcomed youth-led movement for social change across America.”

Encouraging Black youth to step up and get involved is an important step, but the role that Black parents and responsible adults in the Black community play in supporting Black youth is extremely critical and will help them effectively deal with the social ills and issues they are facing in America today. Until Black youth are shown that, however, it will fall on deaf ears.

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The importance of vaccines on your back-to-school to do list

By Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain
NDG Guest Contributor

For many, August marks the beginning of a new school year which likely includes an extensive to-do list. As your family prepares for the school year, updating vaccinations should be a top priority for you and your family. With August as the National Immunization Awareness Month, it's a great time to understand why immunizations are an important part of protecting you and your family's health.

Regardless of age, immunizations may help prevent you and your loved ones from vaccine-preventable diseases, such as the flu or measles. Also, outbreaks of infectious illnesses can



Back-to-school to do lists usually includes a visit to the doctor. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin W. Stratton)

spread quickly through preschools, schools, and colleges. We saw this across the DFW area with measles and mumps outbreaks in the last two years. Staying up-to-date on vaccinations can help you and your family stay healthy during the fall

months. We all know contracting illnesses as a child or an adult can cause discomfort as well as inconvenience. School absenteeism due to viruses is the most common occurrence affecting children across the nation. Ill-

nesses can spread quickly through school settings due to poor hand washing and coughing, creating highly contagious environments.

Updating vaccinations are the most effective and safe way to reduce the risk of infection throughout schools and the community. An appointment with your physician can provide information about vaccine needs and issues related specifically to different age groups. Your physician will take into account your child's medical history and determine which immunizations may be the most effective.

As you gear up for the school year, it's important to prioritize the health of your entire family. National Immunization Awareness

Month encourages adults to take preventable measures as well. Every year, over 200,000 people become seriously ill from viral infections that could have been prevented. Regardless of age, vaccines lower the chance of developing certain diseases, such as influenza which affects many families every year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, receiving the flu vaccination can reduce the risk of illness by 40 to 60 percent. Staying up-to-date can also avert the spread of diseases to your family and loved ones.

National Immunization Awareness Month is a friendly reminder that vaccinations are a safe and easy way to promote a healthier

lifestyle. With summer ending and school beginning, it is important to make time to visit your family physician for you and your family's vaccinations. Not to mention, taking preventable measures can offer you a piece of mind before you send your child to school. Visit your family physician this August to learn more about the benefits of vaccinations and take part in National Immunization Awareness Month.

Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain is a general family medicine practitioner at Family Medicine Associates of Texas in Carrollton. She thoroughly enjoys improving the health and lives of individuals ranging from young children to adulthood.

After cereal, even healthy people's blood sugar spikes

The level of sugar in an individual's blood—especially in individuals who are considered healthy—fluctuates more than traditional means of monitoring, like the one-and-done finger-prick method, would have us believe, according to a new study.

Often, these fluctuations come in the form of "spikes," or a rapid increase in the amount of sugar in the blood, after eating specific foods—most commonly, carbohydrates. Using a device that keeps extra-close tabs on the ups and downs of blood glucose levels, the new research reveals that most people see only a partial picture of the sugar circulating in their blood.

"There are lots of folks running around with their glucose levels spiking, and they don't even know it," says Michael Snyder, professor and chair of genetics at Stanford University and senior author of the study, which appears in PLOS Biology.

The covert spikes are a problem because high blood sugar levels, especially when prolonged, can contribute to cardiovascular disease risk and a person's



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tendencies to develop insulin resistance, which is a common precursor to diabetes, he says.

"We saw that some folks who think they're healthy actually are misregulating glucose—sometimes at the same severity of people with diabetes—and they have no idea," Snyder says.

The insight came to Snyder after he and his collaborators gave study participants a continuous glucose-monitoring device, which superficially pokes into the surface layer of the skin and takes constant readings of sugar concentrations in the blood as it circulates. With the constant readouts providing more detailed data, Snyder's group saw not only that glucose dysregulation is more common than

previously thought, but they also used the data to start building a machine-learning model to predict the specific foods to which people spike.

The goal is to one day use the framework to compile data from an individual and, based on their continuous glucose readout, direct them away from particularly "spikey" foods.

3 different 'glucotypes'

Most people who periodically check their blood sugar levels do so with a quick lance to the finger and a device that reads out the blood glucose concentration. The problem with this method is that it captures only a snapshot in time.

The amount of sugar in a person's blood is not a constant; it ebbs and flows de-

pending on what the person has eaten that day, down to the specific kind of carbohydrate. (For instance, rice, breads, and potatoes are all different kinds of carbohydrates, yet people often digest them differently.)

To get a better read on glucose levels, Snyder fitted 57 people with a device that continuously took blood glucose readings over about two weeks. Most of the participants were healthy or showing signs of prediabetes, and five had type 2 diabetes. Data sent back to the lab showed that there were multiple types of spikers, which were classified into three overarching "glucotypes." The glucotype categories—low, moderate, and severe—are basically rankings of spike intensity.

"We're very interested in what it means to be 'healthy' and finding deviations from that," says Snyder, professor of genetics. These glucotypes, he says, are subject to change based on diet. The researchers ultimately have two goals for their work: When people spike, catch it early; and understand what makes a person spike, and adjust their diet to bring the glucotype

into the "low" range.

Often people who are prediabetic have no idea they're prediabetic. In fact, this is the case about 90 percent of the time. It's a big deal, Snyder says, as about 70 percent of people who are prediabetic will eventually develop the disease.

"We think that these continuous glucose monitors will be important in providing the right information earlier on so that people can make changes to their diet

should they need to," he says.

Breakfast and blood sugar

In getting at the subtleties of spiking, Snyder conducted a sub-study in which 30 participants using the continuous glucose monitor alternated between three breakfasts: a bowl of cornflakes with milk, a peanut butter sandwich, and a protein bar.

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Southwest Transplant Alliance observes National Minority Donor Awareness Week

More than 58 percent of those on the national organ transplant waiting list are minorities. That is why Southwest Transplant Alliance (STA), one of the nation's largest organ recovery organizations, is observing National Minority Donor Awareness Week (NMDAW) August 1-7, 2018.

The initiative is specifically designed to educate

Ethnicity	Waiting List In U.S.	Waiting List In TX	2017 Received in U.S.	2017 Received in TX
American Indian	1,046	28	270	11
African American	33,015	2,585	7,287	644
Asian/Pacific Islander	9,805	462	1,998	143
Hispanic	22,599	4,152	5,415	1,081

minority communities about the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation.

When the campaign was introduced in 1996, 46,000 people were on the national

transplant waiting list. That figure now exceeds 114,000. The number one problem in transplantation today is the shortage of donors.

Minorities wait twice as long for transplants due to lack of organ availability, and they continue to have a disproportionately higher incidence of diabetes, high

blood pressure and heart disease -- all of which lead to organ failure, especially kidney failure.

On average, 20 people die each day awaiting a transplant due to the shortage of organs. STA encourages members of all communities to register to become organ, eye and tissue donors.

It is also important that once registered, people

share their decision to register with family members and friends. Just one organ donor can save up to eight lives, and tissue donation can improve up to 75 lives.

Below are statistics from the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS), the private, nonprofit organization that manages the nation's organ transplant system. For more information, visit www.unos.org.

Texas seniors face dire threats to their Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security

Fifty three years after President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Medicare and Medicaid into law on July 30, 1965, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson highlighted a new study from House Democrats' Seniors Task Force co-chairs, Congresswomen Jan Schakowsky and Doris Matsui, detailing years of efforts from House Republicans to attack seniors' Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

"The anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid should be a joyous occasion to celebrate one of our country's greatest achievements," said Congresswoman Johnson.

"But years of cruel and cynical attacks on these

vital initiatives by Republicans have put the futures of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security -- and the millions of seniors who rely on them -- in peril.

After passing a tax cut which overwhelmingly benefited the rich, Republicans have made crystal clear that they plan more cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, more premium increases for families and more tax giveaways to Pharmaceutical companies as they hike Texans seniors' prescription drug costs."

The report extensively examines years of specific Republican benefit cut policies that would affect older Americans, found in Republican budget resolu-

tions since the GOP took the House Majority in 2011:

- Medicare premium support;
- Medicaid block grants;
- An increase in eligibility age for Social Security and Medicare; and,
- Repeal of the Affordable Care Act, which destroys protections for people with pre-existing conditions, imposes an age tax and raises prescription drug costs.

These proposed cuts threaten the 3,757,335 Medicare beneficiaries, 512,927 Medicaid beneficiaries over age 65, and 4,126,055 Social Security beneficiaries in Texas.

"Texas families and sen-

iors deserve much better than constant attacks on their health care and social security benefits from Republicans in Washington," said Congresswoman Johnson.

"I stand committed to fighting for Medicare and

Medicaid as long as I breathe. My Democratic colleagues and I support an agenda that offers policies that improve lives starting with a strong, detailed plan to lower the cost of prescription drugs, tough new enforcement of drug

price gouging, allowing Medicare Part D to negotiate lower drug prices and demanding transparency of drug price hikes. Democrats are fighting for the people, while the GOP cravenly puts special interests first."

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Installs 25th International President

WASHINGTON - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, a 98-year-old international women's service organization, held its Grand Boulé in New Orleans from July 18 - 22. During the Grand Boulé, Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker, Zeta's immediate past International First Vice President, was elected to International President, and will lead the organization into its centennial year in 2020.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, a 98-year-old women's service organization, installed Valerie

Hollingsworth-Baker as its 25th International President during the Grand Boulé in New Orleans on July 22, 2018. She will lead the organization into its centennial year in 2020. The Brooklyn native is the Director of the Inforce Systems Division for New York Life Insurance Company in New York City, and an alumna of Fordham University, graduating at the young age of eighteen.

In her professional life, she is responsible for managing multi-million-dollar projects and programs,

training personnel, and overseeing new product development as the chief administrator of one of the company's major subsystems. She is an alumna of Fordham University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree at the young age of eighteen. Hollingsworth-Baker has been recognized in the "Who's Who of Information and Technology" and "Outstanding Women of America" publications.

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DCCCD students named Muse Scholars for 2018-2019

A church volunteer, a future environmental engineer, an aspiring psychologist and a prospective lawyer have been named this year's recipients of the Dallas County Community College District's Muse scholarships.

All four students were selected for their academic success, motivation, volunteer contributions and desire to succeed. The 2018-2019 recipients are:

- Anais Alarcon of Farmers Branch, Brookhaven College, dental hygiene major;
- Caitlyn Coleman of Dallas, Richland College, environmental engineering major;
- Cindy Pineda of Dallas,



Nneka Nnaji, originally from Nigeria, is one of the standout students recently named Muse Scholars. (Courtesy photo)

Richland College, psychology major;

- Nneka Nnaji of Farmers Branch, Brookhaven College, criminal justice major.

In addition to tuition and books, Muse scholarships cover six consecutive semesters, and the program is open

to new high school graduates as well as students who currently are enrolled at one of DCCCD's seven colleges.

The scholarship is administered by the DCCCD Foundation. Candidates must be in good academic standing with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.

Created by Lyn and John Muse, the scholarship provides a way for students to enrich their lives without worrying about finances. The longtime DCCCD Foundation supporters established the scholarship in 2009 for outstanding students who demonstrated determination and a willingness to succeed.

"These students are bright,

determined and inspired," said Lyn Muse. "The knowledge they gain as DCCCD students will serve them as well as our communities. Their shared interest in making the world a better place is an inspiration. John and I are honored to be their benefactors."

Dr. Pyeper Wilkins, the district's chief advancement officer and executive director of the DCCCD Foundation, said, "We are thrilled to announce our newest Muse Scholars. These students exhibit determination and focus, which we believe will take them far in their educational journey and beyond."

Wilkins added, "They are future leaders in our commu-

nity, and with John and Lyn Muse's generous gift of scholarships and time, they will be poised to have a tremendous impact."

Nneka Nnaji grew up in Nigeria. She caught typhoid fever in high school, and it took months for her to recover – but Nnaji beat back the disease and went on to successfully take a pre-college aptitude test. After Nnaji received her diploma, she landed at Brookhaven College, where she works as student assistant.

Nnaji has been active in a number of organizations at Brookhaven, including Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She serves as the college chapter's vice president for

public relations office. She is also a student ambassador, orientation leader, founder of the Unicef Campus Initiative Club and former vice president of African Cultures Club.

Nnaji has volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service; she also has hosted an open book project titled "For Love of Country." A criminal justice major and competitive debater, Nnaji has her eyes set on becoming a lawyer. She expects to graduate next year from Brookhaven and hopes to transfer to a four-year university, go to law school and eventually work for the United Nations.

Milestone Reached: UT Dallas qualifies for state's 'Tier One' fund

The University of Texas at Dallas announced this week that it has achieved the critical benchmark criteria required to qualify for funding from the National Research University Fund (NRUF), an exclusive source of research support available to the state's "emerging research universities."

UT Dallas qualified for this funding, which this fiscal year totaled \$7.5 million, by achieving these Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's benchmarks for two consecutive years:

- \$45 million in annual expenditures on restricted research.
- \$400 million endowment.
- High-achieving freshman class.
- High-quality faculty.
- Membership in the Association of Research Libraries, Phi Beta Kappa or equivalent national organization.

"In its short history, The University of Texas at Dallas has set itself apart and earned their reputation as a national leader in research," Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said. "UT Dallas has generated innovative and ground-



NRUF funds will help UT Dallas support undergraduate research, equipment purchases, faculty salaries and stipends for graduate students. (Photo: UT Dallas)

breaking discoveries that contribute to our economy and advance Texas as a premier state for higher education. I congratulate UT Dallas for qualifying for the National Research University Fund, and I look forward to all their great work to come."

This recognition of excellence represents a significant research milestone for the University. House Bill 51, authored by then-Rep.

Dan Branch, was signed by then-Gov. Rick Perry in June 2009 at a ceremony on the UT Dallas campus. The bill outlined the creation of NRUF. Confirmed by popular vote in November of that year, the program is designed to boost the research output of eligible Texas public universities and enable them to achieve national prominence as major research institutions.

"This achievement af-

firms the University's excellence and the quality of higher education in Texas," Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said. "These additional funds will help UT Dallas find new solutions to real-world problems and bolster the state's economy. This is a win-win for Texas and UT Dallas, and I could not be more pleased with this news."

Distributions from NRUF will be used to support activities that promote increased research capacity at the institution, including support for undergraduate research, the purchase of equipment and library materials, and faculty salaries and graduate student stipends.

"This is a very significant achievement for UT Dallas, and it's a credit to the groundbreaking work that students and faculty are doing there," Texas House Speaker Joe Straus said. "The continued emergence of UT Dallas is critically important to the economic vitality of the North Texas region and the success of our entire state."

UT Dallas earned classification as a Carnegie R1 doctoral institution of highest research activity, a des-

ignation based largely on the aggregate quantity of an institution's research. The University announced this achievement in 2016.

In the 2008 and 2009 financial years, when NRUF was created, the University averaged over \$36.5 million in restricted research expenditures. In fiscal years 2016 and 2017, that average grew to over \$51 million, representing a 40 percent increase in just eight years.

"The University of Texas at Dallas has shown tremendous initiative and drive in becoming a rising national higher education institution," said Sara Martinez Tucker, chairman of The University of Texas System Board of Regents. "The Board of Regents congratulates UT Dallas on achieving this important milestone, and we will continue to enthusiastically support its ascendancy as a research powerhouse in service to the people of Texas and beyond."

UT Dallas is the third emerging research university to meet the NRUF eligibility requirements, after Texas Tech University and the University of Houston. Access to NRUF funds has been a significant target for

UT Dallas since the tenure of Dr. David E. Daniel, predecessor of University President Richard C. Benson.

"This is a significant achievement in the history of our University," Benson said. "We are the youngest institution in the state to have emerged as a national research university, and that's a testament to our commitment and drive to advance our research enterprise."

Established in 1969, UT Dallas offers top-ranked science, engineering and business programs, and has gained prominence for a breadth of educational paths from audiology to arts and technology. The University enrolls more than 27,600 students — 18,380 undergraduate and 9,250 graduate — and offers a broad array of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. UT Dallas' faculty includes a Nobel laureate, six members of the National Academies and more than 575 tenured and tenure-track professors. Dr. Aziz Sancar, who earned his PhD in molecular and cell biology from UT Dallas in 1977, won the 2015 Nobel Prize in chemistry.

Skate Park at Carpenter Park to Open Aug. 11

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department has announced the opening of its first skate park. The department will hold a special grand opening celebration on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 9 a.m. at the new facility, which is located inside Carpenter Park. The ceremony will conclude with a ribbon cutting ceremony and the public is invited to begin full use of the facility immediately after.

Located in the southeast corner of the park, Carpenter Park Skate Park combines popular street-style

skating and bowl skating features. Designed by New-line Skate Parks and built by Dean Construction with SPA Skate Parks, the new skate park features some of the most extensive and unique skate features in all of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Skaters will enjoy one of the largest bowls in the area as well as various sized ramps, rails, stair sets, and ledges. You will also notice the fitting design of the skate park in a "P" shape resembling the official Plano logo.

"For years Plano athletes

of all ages have utilized the city's athletic facilities for soccer, football, basketball and a variety of other sports," said Senior Park Planner Liz Del Turco. "Now after more than a decade in the making, skateboarders have a safe environment that offers the same freedom and availability that they have been missing in Plano. This is a project that has truly been a community effort. It's very exciting to bring the project to completion and open the park."

Voters approved funding

for the project in the 2005 bond election. Years of community planning culminated in 2016 when the skate park was added to the Carpenter Park Master Plan.

The overhaul of the park's athletic fields was approved in a 2013 bond election and includes renovations to the park's irrigation and lighting systems, the addition of a loop trail, and a restored drainage system.

The Carpenter Park Skate Park will be free to use and be open throughout normal park hours.



Library's Summer Reading Program Continues through Aug. 16

Rock out with the Carrollton Public Library by joining this year's Summer Reading Program: Libraries Rock™, offering online access through READsquared. Age-specific programs are available for listeners (0-4), kids (5-9), tweens (10-13), teens (14-18), and adults (19+).

Track your reading hours online, earn points, and progress levels. Points can be used to buy raffle tickets for prize packs, including items such as signed books, gift cards, and educational toys for listeners and kids; Amazon gift cards, backpacks, school supplies, VR headsets

and controllers for tweens and teens; and signed books, an Amazon gift card, a Kindle Fire 7, and a Google Chromecast for adults.

Visit the store on READsquared to see a complete list of prize packs and items included. Winners are drawn at the exclusive End of Summer

Pool Party on Friday, Aug. 17 and posted online the following day.

Prizes are also earned for each level attained. Move up a level for every one hour of reading for listeners; two hours of reading for kids, tweens, and teens; or five hours of reading for adults.

Level 10 completes the program, but keep reading to reach super levels and earn more points.

Register for the Summer Reading Program at carrolltonlibrary.READsquared.com. Usernames from last year are still valid. Physical reading logs to keep track of

books and minutes are also available at both Libraries for those without internet access. The program runs through Thursday, Aug. 16 and is sponsored by the Friends of the Carrollton Public Library.

For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/library or call 972-466-4800.

Another happy winner...

Sharon Jones-Scaife was the winner of free tickets to see Gladys & The O'Jay's live in concert. NDG readers can win free tickets to the hottest events in Dallas by staying tuned to the North Dallas Gazette's Facebook and Instagram accounts.



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Every quarter, Wise Orthodontics donates money to a local charity through their retainer donation program. When a patient loses or breaks their retainer, or other appliance, and need to replace it, Dr. Wise provides a 50 percent discount and when the payment is collected it's set aside in a fund for a large, quarterly donation. This quarter, the practice has chosen Street-Side Showers as the recipient of their donation. It's a mobile van that serves the local homeless community by providing showers and helping to care for basic hygiene.

For the 411 in the community, go to www.northdallasgazette.com



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Zimmerer Kubota PBR Challenge will be held on August 4 at 7 p.m. at Allen Event Center, in Allen. The toughest sport on dirt returns to Allen Event Center on Saturday with the Zimmerer Kubota PBR Challenge in support of Allies in Service. This premier bull riding event is part of the Touring Pro Division of the Professional Bull Riders. Enjoy heart-pounding action featuring over 40 of the world's best bull riders and bucking bulls. To buy tickets and find out more information visit Ticketmaster.com

Dallas

Deep Ellum Outdoor Market will take place on August 4 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 100-199 N Crowds St, in Dallas. The Deep Ellum Outdoor Market is held on the 100 block of North Crowds (between Elm and Main) in Deep Ellum every 3rd Saturday of the month. Since 2010 they have hosted some of Dallas' and Deep Ellum's finest makers, crafters, and artists. In the heart of Deep Ellum, near all the best restaurants and shops, the Deep Ellum Market is here to bring Small Business to you.

The **National Convention of Gospels Choirs and Choruses** hosted by the One Dallas Metropolitan Choral Union will celebrate its 85th annual event on August 4 to 10 at Sheraton Dallas Hotel, in Dallas. The week-long event will consist of daily workshops classes, plenary sessions featuring world renowned musical artists and guest speakers, nightly concerts and a host of other activities for anyone who desires to better themselves as a Christian singer, instrumentalist, educator, or leader in the area of Gospel music. For more information visit <http://ncgccinc.org/convention/>

The **Park Cities/Central Dallas Democrats** meeting, Featuring attorney and advocate for Veterans, Wini Cannon, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at University Park

Public Library, in University Park. In her roles as an attorney and in her professional and civic volunteer work, Wini Cannon considers herself an advocate of hope, inspiration, and change. She will also be presenting at PCCDD on the topic of Veterans Issues, Rights and Remedies.

Frisco

Man of La Mancha will celebrate its opening night starting on August 8 at 8 p.m. at Theatre Frisco, in Frisco. Set in the context of the Spanish Inquisition, Man of La Mancha is presented as a play-within-a-play. We encounter historical author Miguel de Cervantes in prison, awaiting trial by the Inquisition. The original 1965 Broadway production by Dale Wasserman, lyrics by Joe Darion and music by Mitch Leigh ran for 2,328 performances and won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical Man of La Mancha, based on Cervantes' epic 17th-century novel, Don Quixote, is a remarkable, poignant, moving musical that was one of the first shows to musicalize a piece of historical literature. Visit <http://www.theatrefrisco.com/> for tickets and more information.

Plano

The Barre Code Plano will host an event on August 4 starting at 12 p.m. at The Barre Code, in Plano. Learn the basics in a **Free class with their Master Trainer**. The Barre Code's simplified (not to be confused with "easy") version of the 50-minute Barre Code class. Taught by TBC Plano's Master Trainer, Julie, this class offers a full-body workout at a slower pace, targeting the arms, abdominals, thighs, and glutes. This workout is appropriate for those who want to learn the basics of our strength exercises while working at a more conscientious pace, breaking down form and technique for each exercise. Socks are required for this class. For more information visit clients.mindbodyonline.com.

Senate race heating up as Cruz makes Dallas campaign stop

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

North Texas Republicans, conservative activists and interested independents gathered together outside at Ferris Wheelers Backyard BBQ on a hot Saturday afternoon on July 28. As the air was filled with music, BBQ, and laughter, the blazing Texas heat set temperatures to 104, they gathered to hear U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz share his vision and celebrate conservative values on freedom, prosperity, and security as he runs for reelection this fall.

"The scripture tells us the minds of the wise inclines to the right and the hearts of the fools to the left," Cruz said. "We have a new Supreme Court nominee. In the first couple of weeks, the media has had two hits on him. Number one they came out with the killer acquisition that he likes beer, and then they doubled down and said he likes baseball too."

The crowd exploded in cheers as Cruz stated these are "remarkable times we are in," and "times are changing."

"The reason all of us come out on a blistering summer day is because what we have here in Texas is special," Cruz said. "The freedom we have here in Texas, the jobs we have in Texas, the opportunity we have here in Texas, there ain't no place on the face of the planet like the Lone Star state."

"The reality is that Texas is a conservative and Republican place," Missy Shorey, Dallas County Republican Party Chairwoman said. "The biggest problem we have is complacency. We had an awesome turnout in the middle of the blazing day for Senator Ted Cruz," Shorey stated.

Cruz told the crowd America entered 2017 with a Republican president and Republican majorities in



U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, American politician and attorney who serves as a Republican Texas Senator, celebrates the Texas conservative values at a rally with Missy Shorey (right) Dallas County Republican Party Chairwoman. (Rachel Hawkins/NDG)

both houses, there were four big priorities to deliver: tax cuts, regulatory reforms, Obamacare, and judges.

"As we look back a year-and-a-half into it, it wasn't clear if we were to deliver on any of those," Cruz said. "But we stand here a year-and-a-half in with remarkable successes on all four. In December we passed the

biggest tax cut of the generation, lowering taxes on small businesses, farmers, ranchers, and working families all across Texas."

It was also discussed on how the party has seen cabinet agency after cabinet pulling back job-killing regulations. The party claimed because of this, the result of Texas economy is now

booming, and it has led to more jobs, higher wages, and more opportunities.

"The third big priority is Obamacare," Cruz said. "Clearly the biggest unfinished commitment. But even that it's worth noting, we did come together and repeal the Obamacare individual mandate. I was proud to lead the fight, and nobody thought we could get it done, and we brought Republicans together, and we delivered on that promise, and now we need to finish the job."

Cruz said they have principled constitutionalists up and down the federal bench.

"For every one of us who loves freedom, values the bill of rights, religious liberty, and freedom of free speech, the Second Amendment the right to keep and

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A promotional poster for the BWe Dallas event. The background is a cityscape at night with a pinkish-purple hue. In the foreground, a woman with short dark hair is looking towards the camera. The text includes: "TOYOTA Let's Go Places", "BWe THE BLACK WOMEN'S ECONOMIC MATTERS", "BWe DALLAS AUGUST 25-26, 2018", "DWC DALLAS MARKET CENTER", and "Make a LIVE connection with thousands of Black Women, Millennials, GenXers and Baby Boomers at the nation's longest running, most respected exposition designed for African American consumers!"

AdvoCare Champions Festival announces music lineup

ARLINGTON – AdvoCare Champions Festival has announced its lineup of talented artists who are set to perform following the Champions Challenge 5K on Saturday, Sept. 1.

The inaugural AdvoCare Champions Festival, presented by the U.S. Army, will be an entire day devoted to “Celebrating our Champions.” It’ll begin with six-person, co-ed teams from each branch of the U.S. Military, local first responders and teams representing LSU, Miami and



The Random Axis Band is part of the lineup for the AdvoCare Champions Festival taking place in Arlington. (Courtesy photo)

AdvoCare competing in a grueling 5K obstacle course designed to challenge even the toughest of athletes. Following an award ceremony to honor the winners,

competitors will join spectators and the general public for a multi-act music festival while enjoying a wide variety of food, drinks and other activities.

The Skyline Marching Band will kick off the live music after the award ceremony and artists will perform on stage until 8 p.m. Attendees will get to rock out to the tunes of Fastball, Nate Kenyon, Logan Mize, Medicine Man Revival, Kirk Thurmond, and Eric B & Random Axis. America’s Best Party Band, Professor

D, will perform in between sets. Listen to their most popular tracks at ChampionsFest.com/music.

“What an awesome opportunity to celebrate the heroics of our veterans and first responders,” said Michael Jacobson, President and CEO of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. “We are honored to have these prestigious individuals, an incredible lineup of musicians and all of the folks attending the event enjoying the great businesses and amenities our

community has to offer.”

Spread out over several lakeside acres at Viridian Park, the AdvoCare Champions Festival will serve as a prelude to the 2018 AdvoCare Classic the following day at AT&T Stadium, pitting Louisiana State University against the University of Miami.

The event is free of charge to those with a valid military or first responder ID. A portion of proceeds will go towards supporting the Nancy Lieberman Charities community efforts.

Dallas sisters co-writing a new book on life as twins

The Gassaway Twins, Mrs. Dona Gassaway Mitchell and Ms. Rona Gassaway Jackson, are 52-year-old identical twins born and raised in Dallas. Both women are educators in Dallas County, as well as performers, artists, and writers. Preparing to celebrate National Twins Day on Aug. 3, this week they announced plans for a new project. Together will release a new book in 2019 to answer many of the common questions, others have about life as a twin.

“Our similar values include God first and quality time with family. Family time is important to us. Not only are we both mothers of three, but we are grandmothers and spend quality time with all grandchildren,” the ladies shared via email to the North Dallas Gazette. “Even though people cannot tell us apart, the most adorable moments of confusion rest in the expressions of our children and grandchildren as babies until preschool age when they realized we both look alike and didn’t understand twins. They felt they had two moms and two grandmothers. We were called mama and the other mama, granny and the other granny



The Gassaway Twins, Mrs. Dona Gassaway Mitchell and Ms. Rona Gassaway Jackson are writing a new book about life as a twin. (Courtesy image)

or nana and the other nana,” according to the twins.

Their plans for the fall include visual art projects are an upcoming art exhibit and donations of their art pieces to several nursing homes in the Dallas area.

“Our talents include visual and performing arts and literature. As visual artists, we enjoy charcoal and acrylic for more reasons than pleasure and relaxation,” according to the ladies. Performing art is a talent they enjoy because of their love for acting, mainly comedies.

The upcoming book will share life from the eyes of twins in hope to answer

questions people often ask twins. They plan to create all of the illustrations for the project using various forms of media. The duo has also written poetry and music together. While they enjoy working together, they also have separately pursued individual projects including screenplays and books.

Giving back to the community is a hallmark of their collaboration. Previously the North Dallas Gazette spotlighted the twins in March 2016 for their partnership with Buckner International when they hosted a shoe drive.

The ladies are not the first twins in the Gassaway fam-

ily. Their late father Reverend E.B. Gassaway, who passed away in 2012, was also an identical twin to their uncle Reverend J.B. Gassaway, who passed

away in June. They were twins of a twin as well. As their late grandfather had a twin. According to the elders of the family, the Gassaway’s contained many

sets of twins’ throughout the family’s history.

For more information, you can find the ladies as the Gassaway Twins on Facebook and Pinterest.

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Dallas is next stop for the 2018 Black Women's Expo

The Black Women's Expo (BWe), presented by Toyota, is headed to Dallas Aug. 25 – 26 as part of a 24th anniversary national tour at the Dallas Market Hall. National brands and local businesses are invited to join BWe in the Dallas market to connect with their core consumers at this premiere exposition for African American Women. The North Dallas Gazette recently joined as a media partner for the premiere Dallas event. The theme is #SHEMATTERS this year.

"The Black Women's Expo is a weekend for women to be empowered, enlightened and celebrated. It is the nation's longest running exposition of its kind, and the show will bring to Dallas a powerful lineup of national speakers and musical artists, an extensive vendor marketplace for small businesses and BWe corporate partners," Merry Green,



President and CEO of The Black Women's Expo.

Historically, the standing-room only seminars have addressed such issues as health & wellness, racial equality, hair & beauty, travel, career advancement, business, entrepreneurship, the welfare of our children and much more.

In addition, BWe also offers African American consumers themed pavilions including the Beauty Bar, which will showcase cosmetic products; the Food

Oasis, where minority food manufacturers provide food samples; the Literary Café, which showcases African American authors and booksellers; the Natural Hair pavilion, which products for natural hairstyles are featured; the Health & Wellness pavilion, where local medical institutions provide much-needed health screenings.

If interested in sponsorship opportunities, visit The-BlackWomensExpo.com for more info.

Richmond Punch performing at annual DRC Pool Party at The Adolphus

Just as the temperatures are forecasted to soar again, downtown Dallas residents and businesses are invited to cool off at a pool party on Sunday, Aug. 5. The Annual Downtown Residents Council (Dallas) Pool Party this year is hosted by the Adolphus from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Guests will enjoy not only refreshments, a chance to meet their neighbors but also enjoy live music featuring Richmond Punch. Described as a violinist extraordinaire, he promises to deliver high-energy music for the first hour from 11 a.m. – Noon. Then for the next three hours guests will be treated to poolside beats spun by DJ WayGood.

The historic Adolphus Hotel looks forward to showcasing their newly-re-modeled rooftop pool. Guests can register for a



Richmond Punch, violinist is scheduled to perform at the DRC Annual Pool Party (Image via LinkedIn)

chance to win door prizes from area businesses, food, drinks and fun with their fellow Downtown neighbors. In an effort to help others, raffle tickets will be sold to benefit the West End Commons. The prizes include a wireless Bluetooth speaker and two wine gift baskets.

There is no cost to attend, made completely possible by support from The Adol-

phus, Downtown Residents Council (Dallas), Downtown Dallas, Inc., Spice In The City Dallas, Cafe Izmir- Downtown Dallas, Tower Club – Dallas, Richmond Punch Violinist – Founder Flavors of America, Verizon, Kizzia Johnson PLLC and all of the DRC volunteers.

For more information visit the Facebook event page.

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State AGs to DeVos: Work with, not against, state law enforcement

By Charlene Crowell

With 44 million people together owing a still-climbing \$1.5 trillion in student debt, consumers have a huge investment in higher education. And as the price of college continues to rise, student loan borrowing will continue its upward trajectory for the foreseeable future.

At the same time, bad actors with little or no regard for honesty or even legality, have been the focus of many investigations, lawsuits, and settlements at both the state and federal levels of government. When branches of government work collaboratively, particularly in sharing related information, consumers are protected, and these bad actors are held accountable.

That's a good thing. So why would Education Secretary Betsy DeVos recently take actions to end good government practices of cooperation? In June, the Education Department gave notice that it is revising its policy on disclosing student loan information to law enforcement agencies. In effect, this action reversed a decade long practice in which the federal government routinely disclosed student loan information on request to state Attorneys General and other federal



Policy changes being made by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos are drawing criticism by observers who see the moves as lowering cooperation between agencies. (Photo: Gage Skidmore / Flickr)

agencies (AGs) who are investigating potential civil fraud and crime.

Allow me to share a portion of this development's backstory.

Starting last summer, student loan servicers like Navient have been lobbying DeVos to shield them from liability for their practices. And it's worked. Despite objections from a bi-partisan group of Attorneys General (AGs), the National Association of Governors, and the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, DeVos and the Department of Education have increasingly made it more difficult for state and federal law enforcement agencies to do their jobs by retracting information sharing agreements with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

(CFPB) and instructing servicers not share student loan information with state law enforcement and banking supervisors.

This March, the Department published a memo declaring that state consumer protection laws "undermined" federal regulator requirements. This perspective had no legal basis. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act explicitly granted AGs the authority to pursue alleged fraud if there was no effort at the federal level. In short, this memo attempted to preempt state laws and related prosecutions.

Some could contend that these developments are an effort to stop AGs from doing their jobs. The CFPB, FTC, and state AG's will not have access to the information they need to enforce the

law.

But with a departmental notice published in the Federal Register, the Education's intent has become clear: defrauded student loan borrowers will have to look to the Department for relief. And if the Department has no information, we can all wave goodbye to enforcement actions and financial fairness.

Had the Education Department been actively working with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) on student loan fraud, there might be a valid explanation. But instead, the Department has been undermining investigations and enforcement actions at every turn.

So let's recap: Under Secretary DeVos, the Education Department ended its cooperative relationship with CFPB and tried to preempt states from enforcing their own statutes. Now, the deci-

sion to withhold related information on active state and federal investigations becomes yet another road block to financial fairness.

In response these and other actions, a coalition representing 20 state AGs sent Secretary DeVos a July 13 letter. These elected officials represent the states of: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington.

"The higher education industry requires vigilance and vigorous enforcement from state law enforcement agencies," wrote the AGs. "We are particularly concerned by predatory practices in the for-profit schools' industry... We respectfully submit that the

Department is making a mistake."

Consumer advocates agree with the AGs.

"If it wasn't clear before, it certainly is now," observed Whitney Barkley-Denney, a Senior Policy Counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending.

"The Department of Education and Secretary DeVos are more interested in shielding corporate actors like Navient and for-profit colleges from taking responsibility for their bad acts," added Barkley-Denney. "Like the Attorneys General speaking out against this latest development, we remain dedicated to standing up for students, and urge Secretary DeVos to remember who she was appointed to serve."

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The trio of tests yielded some fairly startling results: After eating one or more of the meals, more than half of the group—whose prior blood sugar tests showed that they were "healthy"—spiked at the same levels as those of people who were prediabetic or diabetic.

What's more, nearly everyone spiked after eating the cereal.

"We saw that 80 percent of our participants spiked after eating a bowl of cornflakes and milk," Snyder says. "Make of that what you will, but my own per-

sonal belief is it's probably not such a great thing for everyone to be eating."

Still, the variables that elicit spikes in an individual—genetics; the population of microbes that live in our bodies; and epigenetics, or changes to gene expression—are critical to understanding glucose dysregulation and the foods that cause glucose spikes. Those parameters are not set in stone, which is why Snyder encourages everyone—including those who think of themselves as healthy—to check their blood sugar with

continuous glucose monitoring about once a year.

"Right now we have information about people who do and don't spike, or are super-spikers, but we need to get smart about why it's happening," Snyder says. "I think understanding the microbiome and manipulating it is going to be a big part of this, and that's where our research is headed next."

The National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation supported the study. Stanford's genetics department also supported the work.

Source: *Stanford University*

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Amazon claims to be a company that values inclusion and diversity, but a recent report reveals that this façade masks a darker side, as the company profits from selling White supremacist and other hateful products. Progressive lawmakers in Georgia, where earlier this year conservative lawmakers punished Delta for cutting ties with the N.R.A., should take a stand of their own by punishing Amazon for promoting hatred and bigotry.

The report, jointly published by the Partnership for

Working Families and Action Center on Race & the Economy, details the startlingly vast array of White supremacist products and goods available on the Amazon marketplace. This includes everything from costumes featuring lynching imagery to burning-cross onesies and Nazi swastika pendants. It begs the question: is Amazon failing miserably to police its platform or is the tech giant willfully overlooking the sale of bigoted products?

Georgia communities in particular should be aware of the hate-mongering taking place on the Amazon marketplace. One of the prominent products cited in

the report and still available for purchase on Amazon is an “old” Georgia state flag featuring Confederate imagery alongside the state of Georgia seal. Just a half-century removed from the struggle for equality, this is an affront on the hard-fought battles of Georgia civil rights leaders like Representative John Lewis.

But the marketplace is not the only Amazon platform that has seen White supremacist offerings. Amazon Kindle, which controls nearly 83 percent of the online book market, was found to offer 226 books from publishers that the Southern Poverty Law Center identified as hate organizations. With such a

dominant market share, Amazon is failing its responsibility to keep our communities safe from this type of bigotry and hate speech.

This is not the first time that Amazon has been found profiting from these appalling business practices. Earlier this year, the company was caught selling apparel and other items emblazoned with the phrase “Slavery Gets Sh*t Done,” which included children’s T-shirts and bibs. Only after human rights organizations such as Anti-Slavery International condemned the company did Amazon pull them from their online shelves.

Meanwhile, the tech

giant’s German marketplace was revealed to be offering modified Lego-style Nazi German soldiers for purchase. The toys were reportedly being marketed to children as young as seven years old, sparking an online petition and groundswell of opposition protesting their sale.

Since Amazon clearly has a long and alarming history of allowing hatred on its platforms, it is time that Georgia lawmakers take swift action to protect communities of color and other minorities. Beyond denouncing this clear violation of ethical conduct, lawmakers should consider whether it is time to introduce regulations that force

Amazon to reject profiting from the sale of products that promote hate.

Civil rights leaders have bravely fought for decades to keep burning crosses and other symbols of bigotry off the lawns of Georgia communities. Now they must prevent Amazon from allowing them to be delivered to the front door.

Civil rights leader Barbara Arnwine is the founder and president of the Transformative Justice Coalition and a lecturer at Columbia Law School. She served as the executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law from 1989 until 2015. Follow Barbara on Twitter @barbs73.

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years, nearly \$5 billion was spent on advertising and yet only a total of \$327 million was actually spent on minority-owned businesses...this report is not surprising nor is it shocking, but it does reveal the consequences of systemic racial discrimination in both Republican and Democratic administrations when it comes to federal advertising spending.”

NNPA Chairman Dorothy Leavell wasn’t surprised by the GAO report, but she still expressed disappointment in the federal government.

Leavell, who is also the publisher of the Crusader newspapers in Chicago and Gary, Ind., called the federal government’s current level of advertising with Black-owned firms “atrocious.”

“We have the Census coming up, HHS with Open Enrollment, and what they’ve spent with us on a scale of 1 to 10 is less than 1,” Leavell said. “How do you get this government to be responsive to its citizens; to give them information; to work with our businesses, and to do all of the other things that federal agencies should be doing?”

The Department of De-

fense (DOD), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) were responsible for 73 percent of federal advertising contract obligations that went to specified businesses over fiscal years 2013 through 2017.

Thirty-four other agencies were responsible for the remaining 27 percent of such obligations.

“Some agencies directed all or nearly all of their advertising contract obligations to specified businesses, but because these agencies’ advertising contract obligations were relatively low, the amounts they directed to these businesses were also relatively low,” Kris Nguyen, the acting director of Strategic Issues at GAO, wrote.

It’s been more than a decade since the GAO published a report on federal advertising spending. The 2007 GAO report revealed that just five percent of the \$4.3 billion available for advertising campaigns went to minority-owned businesses.

That report singled out five agencies—DOD, DHS, the Department of the Treasury, Department of the

Interior, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—for their spending with minority-owned contractors.

For each of the past five years, DOD, HHS and DHS were consistently the top three agencies in terms of the amount of advertising contract obligations they directed to specified businesses.

All three generally increased the amounts they obligated to these businesses.

For example, in fiscal year 2013, the three agencies shuttled over 60 percent of all federal advertising contract obligations to specified businesses; in 2017 they accounted for more than 80 percent.

In 2017, DOD obligated 30 percent of the \$147 million in advertising contracts to SDBs and those owned by minorities and women. That was followed by Homeland Security (27 percent), DHS (25 percent) and all other federal agencies (18 percent).

Those figures were up from 2013 when the same agencies contracted for just \$75 million in advertising.

Leavell said that it’s good to finally have the report out. Now, the NNPA chairman wants to see direct ac-

tion that will ensure that federal agencies spend more of their advertising budgets with Black-owned firms.

“We’re going to call on [HHS] to talk to them about Open Enrollment and other programs, so that we can figure out how to not only increase advertising in Black newspapers, but also to distribute vital information to our communities.”

Norton spokesman Benjamin Fritsch said the congresswoman was examining the report and would comment once she’s reviewed it.

However, Chavis said the NNPA would call on Congress to craft legislation that could force the hand of federal agencies to do more business with minority-owned firms.

“The NNPA, therefore calls upon Congressman Cedric Richmond, the chairman of the CBC, as well as members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) to forcefully raise our voices of discontent and reaffirmation of our demands for equity, for justice, for fairness and put an end to this kind of systemic refusal to treat African American-owned and Latino-owned businesses along with others in a just, fair and equitable manner,”

Chavis said. “We intend to amplify our voices and amplify our actions as a result of the GAO pulling the sheets off the unequal, unjust and unfair federal advertising spending. We will not be silent.”

Dr. Chavis continued: “The NNPA expresses its gratitude to Eleanor Holmes Norton for taking the lead to help ensure that this GAO report will be released to the public and, for that, we are grateful. The NNPA also thanks other members of the CBC and CHC for their

leadership in this issue. Today, however, it’s time for all of us to respond and to act. There should be legislation introduced in Congress immediately to rectify this gross, systemic inequity.”

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2 Timothy 4:9-10.

Adversity molded the apostle Paul into the greatest warrior for Christ the world has ever known. But there were times when adversity and disappointment took its toll on this rugged warrior. We can sense Paul's hurt and discouragement near the end of his second letter to Timothy:

"Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has

gone to Thessalonica. . . At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. . . Do your best to get here before winter,"

2 Timothy 4:9-11, 14, 16 and 21.

Do you hear the pain in those words? Twice he urges Timothy to come to him. Do you feel his anguish when he twice speaks of being deserted by his friends? In most of his letters, Paul seems to have an invincible spirit. Yet, he was a man who suffered, felt betrayed, and was at times very lonely. However, Paul chose to look at life from a heavenly perspective. That's why he could write: We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death

of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body **2 Corinthians 4:8-10.**

Paul had experienced a level of opposition and suffering that you and I can scarcely imagine. People said they would do things but did not follow through. He could not depend on certain people. Yet he was not crushed, and he refused to give in to despair.

He viewed his life as a continual process of dying. His goal was to live in such a way that the life of Jesus would be revealed in his response to adversity. Beware of placing too much expectation on others. Realize that people will let you down from time to time, but do not let that impact your faith.

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ments. Ask God to help you focus on what is important in life and study to know God better by reading His word daily. Study to know the power of God's Resurrection; ask God to help you

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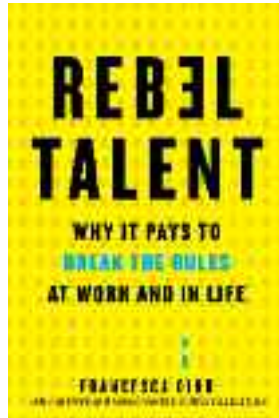
NDG Book Review: *Rebel Talent* flies outside the rules

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your latest hire came highly recommended.

His former employer spoke very favorably about him but there was something unsaid that you picked up on, and it's nagging you. He's very competent – and yet, he's also pretty far outside the box. Read “Rebel Talent” by Francesca Gino, though, and you'll wish you had more employees like him.

As do most, your business undoubtedly runs on rules: when to be at work, how to claim territory, when to meet, and when to leave. That's how a business runs... except when it doesn't. Sometimes, rules need



to be stretched, bent, and broken.

In her career as a researcher, Francesca Gino studies things like that, how employees react to rules, and how corporations thrive or fail. As it turns out, those are all strongly linked and what Gino calls “rebel tal-

ent” may be a powerful game-changer.

Being a rebel talent doesn't mean “becoming an out-cast”; it's more of a non-conformity thing. It's being confident and mature enough to understand which rules are immovable and how to break the ones that aren't. Rebel talent is knowing then how to harness the power that comes when behaving “in ways that are unconventional or unexpected.”

There are, Gino says, “five core elements of rebel talent.”

Novelty is the embrace of new, the celebration of differences and ritual, and the ability to see when change is “clearly in our best inter-

est.” Curiosity is what makes toddlers ask “why?” It's also where innovation comes from and new ideas are launched. Perspective

is the ability to turn personal experience into real-time relevance. Diversity is knowing that differences aren't divisive but are enhancements offering “a competitive advantage.” And authenticity is staying engaged, living honest, embracing your imperfections, and doing what you do best.

Being someone with rebel talent can lessen stress, enhance relationships, and further careers. It helps with employee retention and satisfaction. And it's fun for you, too: you can become a “Rebel Leader”

like the pirate, Blackbeard, who gained “glory and riches” without harming a single captive during his career...

Unlike most business books you'll find that recommend embracing that employee who marches to a different drummer, “Rebel Talent” has another thing to offer: in addition to its informative value, it's also a blast to read.

In her book, author Francesca Gino doesn't take a cause-and-effect tactic. Readers don't even get instruction here; instead, you'll read anecdote after example of small businesses and national corporations that turned around, grew, or reinvented after

doing things in ways that counteracted what conventional wisdom indicated.

Gino advocates allowing workers more autonomy, and listening to what they have to say about their workplace – and she shows how not doing so can hurt both entity and employee. There's plenty of research to back up what Gino says, and humor to keep you engaged.

Reading this book is like thinking outside several boxes, simultaneously. It's like suddenly wanting to loosen the buttons on your button-down suit. “Rebel Talent” is fun and promises more fun, and it comes highly recommended.

Texas has experienced 24 consecutive months of employment growth

AUSTIN - The Texas economy added 27,200 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in June, which marked 24 consecutive months of employment growth. Over the year, Texas added 359,500 jobs for an annual employment growth rate of 2.9 percent. Private-sector employers added 26,400 positions over the month. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in June, down slightly from May 2018.



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“Recognition of Texas as the premier place to do business in the country is

reinforced by employers adding another 27,200 jobs in June and an impressive

359,500 jobs over the year,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Broad-based growth across our industries remains solid with ten of eleven industries adding jobs in the dynamic and prolific job creating Texas economy.”

June's annual growth in the state's Goods Producing industries was strong at 5.8 percent. Over the month, Mining and Logging added 4,900 jobs, followed by the Construction industry with

2,900 positions, while Manufacturing employment expanded by 2,600 positions.

In Texas' Service Providing sector, Professional and Business added 7,300 positions over the month, and led all industries in job growth for June.

Also within this sector, Education and Health Services added 6,000 jobs, followed by Leisure and Hospitality with a gain of 3,500 positions.

“Private-sector employment remained strong with Texas employers adding 351,700 jobs over the year and 26,400 jobs added in June,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employer Ruth Ruggiero Hughs. “TWC is committed to developing innovative workforce programs and supporting Texas businesses with a skilled talent pipeline that is unmatched throughout the nation.”

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bear arms, and who values the Tenth Amendment,” Cruz said. “We've got an incredible record on delivering on our promises.”

The Fall Election

Cruz warned supporters this election is going to be a fight as he faces a tough challenge from U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

“As every one of us has noticed, the hard left is angry,” Cruz said. “They're energized, and they hate the President. They are going to show up in massive numbers in November.”

However, the GOP believe the good news is that in Texas there are more conservatives than liberals. Cruz pointed out anger is a

powerful tool, and liberals are counting on their base to show up.

Therefore it is crucial for conservatives not to fail to show up. Election Day less than 100 days away, leading Cruz to remind everyone they have one job between now and Nov. 6, “turn out, turn out, turn out.”

Typically in a general election, according to Cruz, a Democrat would at least pretend to run in the middle.

“Well I'll give them credit, my opponent Beto is not doing that,” Cruz said. “He is running hard, hard left. He has promised to raise your taxes, and repeal the taxes. On regulations, he wants to go back to the Obama era of job-killing

regulations that hammer the state of Texas. On Obamacare, he wants to expand it to full-on socialized medicine and put the government in charge of your healthcare.

“On guns, he tweeted out to the world how proud he is that he has an F rating from the NRA, so I retweeted him and said great, elections are about choices, if you want a big government gun-grabbing liberal then the Democrats are giving you one.”

Cruz said this does not reflect Texas values, and that's not “who we are.” As Cruz listed more ideas supported by his opponent, the crowd boomed.

“On immigration, he supports sanctuary cities, opens borders, and he said he is

open to abolishing ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement),” Cruz said.

“If I had come out there a month ago and said that my Democrat opponent is open to abolishing ICE, the media would've gone nuts and say that's a crazy attack, and an infringe theory, and nobody would support something like that. Fast forward to today, a week ago in the Senate we introduce a resolution in the house to stand with the men and women of ICE and law enforcement who risks their lives fighting drug dealers, MS-13 (Mara Salvatrucha), and murders.”

Republicans have not given up on reaching out to minority voters

For minority voters,

Shorey has a few simple questions.

“It's real simple, is your life better? Is your economy better? Do you have more opportunities and do your kids have more opportunities?” Shorey said. “Are things looking up, do you have more access to the American dream? If the answer is yes, which it is, then this is what's showing it. When you choose Republicans to work for you, you're getting real results, you're getting an economy that performs and you're getting someone that respects you and your capability to right to opportunity.”

The Dallas GOP is making a serious effort to reach minority voters according

to Shorey.

“I'm the first woman to take on the role as Dallas County Republican Chair. The Republican Party is a party that values the individual and their capabilities to make contributions by judging people by their character and not by the color of their skin.

The most active committee on our party is the Minority Engagement Committee. We are in communities that people have not seen us in because we are here to talk about our values, to make friends, build relationships, unite the city, and ensure we give people to pursue what their vision of the American dream is.”