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Local owner cornering market for Black Greek apparel in Irving

By Angela Loston
NDG Contributing Writer

Fashion has always been a passion for Joe Temple. Since his high school days, he was fascinated with fashion—having a desire to be thrust in a world of buying, selling and designing clothing. He has taken that dream from his youth and cultivated it into a business he owns today creating designs for historic African-American Greek organizations as the chairman, president and head of product development of RG Apparel Co., located in Irving, Texas.

“People have a hard time finding black Greek apparel in DFW,” Temple said. “That’s why we decided to open up the store to capture the DFW market so that we can be that premiere destination for Greek accessories.”

Since 2006, Temple owned RG Apparel creating scarves, blazers, luggage, footwear and other apparel. He came up with the idea of running an online Greek apparel store between 2004 and 2005 after seeing there was a need to sell apparel for African-American fraternities and sororities.

In the beginning, his company was called Real Greek Apparel. The company’s name changed to RG Apparel Co. in 2013. For the first 12 years, all merchandise was sold on-



Joe Temple has identified a niche in providing fashion apparel for the collegiate crowd with his boutique shop in Irving. (Photo: Angela Loston / NDG)

line which also included collegiate and military accessories. Eventually, Temple phased out these product lines to keep the focus more on Greek apparel.

Along with eliminating the collegiate and military items, Temple stopped selling fraternal apparel five years ago since sorority items were more profitable. In 2018, he opened Sorority Row Boutique in Irving to sell apparel for all of the four Divine Nine sororities. Temple still sells blazers online for new members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity per an agreement he has with the group.

“We think it’s a huge niche market here,” Temple said. “More than 500,000 sorority members are here

in the metroplex amongst all of the four sororities. That’s a lot of foot traffic.”

During the first eight years of his company, Temple said he designed all of the apparel, but in the last three to four years, he has partnered with contract designers to come up with designs and new collections for each season. All designs are done in-house with the products manufactured overseas.

“A lot of the Greek sororities’ and fraternities’ apparel have been the same, traditional wear,” he said. “I try to develop more professional

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Naomi Jones



Rev. Phoebe Roaf

NDG Quote of the Week: “My most important title is still mom-in-chief. My daughters are still the heart of my heart and the center of my world.”

— First Lady Michelle Obama

Naomi Jones

Deloitte, the Northern Texas PGA (NTPGA) and United Way this week announced seven recipients, including Lincoln High School's Naomi Jones, of this year's Deloitte/NTPGA Fairway to Success scholarships, a program has awarded more than \$1.1 million to local students over the past decade.

Again in 2019, in collaboration with the University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas), a full, four-year scholarship to the university was awarded to one deserving student.

Also awarded scholar-



ships were; Aracely Escobar, Yobesh Ogari Okero, Miriam Resendez-Ortiz and Gerrick Walker – each receiving a \$20,000 college scholarship. Another DISD student, Salma Gonzalez, was awarded the UNT Dal-

las-funded scholarship.

"Golf teaches its players many life lessons, including integrity, humility and patience, and Deloitte is proud of how Fairway to Success has influenced so many students in North Texas. It not only has prepared many for college, but also has given them a chance to develop the disciplines rooted in the sport," said Dan Berner, North Texas managing partner, Deloitte. "We've now topped \$1.1 million in awards, and I know these promising students will be taking away more than just a scholarship."

UNT Dallas President Bob Mong said the univer-

sity is proud to join the Fairway to Success scholarship program for another year.

"Our growing urban university is built on the belief that everyone should have access to education, and that's what this program is all about," Mong said. "Congratulations to Salma Gonzalez, who will receive a full four-year scholarship to UNTD, and congratulations to all of the scholarship winners from DISD. Thank you to Deloitte and to the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation for their commitment to providing youth in our community with opportunities for education."

Established in 2007, the Fairway to Success program annually awards scholarships to students based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community involvement and financial need. The program covers three DISD high schools – W.W. Samuell, Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln – and includes introducing students to golf and the life lessons of discipline, honor and integrity that are central to the game.

During the 2018-2019 school year, more than 223 DISD students took part in a five-week after-school golf program in the fall and

spring. They learned the basics of golf from PGA golf professionals, and graduating seniors who qualified by participating in the program had the chance to apply for the scholarships.

Fairway to Success also includes mentorship to support scholarship recipients throughout their college careers. Scholarship recipients interact with Deloitte mentors who share their insights gained from working in a professional services environment. Mentors also help students explore potential career opportunities in the business and STEM-f-

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Rev. Phoebe Roaf

By Dr. Sybil C. Mitchell
The New Tri-State Defender

"Now, let me get this straight. You are a successful attorney, making a good salary, and you are about to make partner, which will give you even more money," Phoebe Roaf's mother said. "But you want to leave all that, go to seminary for three years with no salary, and pay \$100,000 because you know it's got to be paid for. That's really what you want to do?"

Roaf's mother was incredulous about Roaf's next



career move.

"My mother was just being a mother," said Roaf. "But I told her, 'Yes, Mom, that's just what I want to do. It makes me happy. The ministry will make me

happy.' After a while, my mother began to understand and support me in my position."

Roaf's life-changing direction culminated when Bishop Elect Phoebe Roaf became the first female and the first African American elected to lead the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee. Her Consecration Service was Saturday, May 4th, at Hope Church.

"This is so exciting because I will be consecrated by my boss. Well, God is my boss, but my earthly boss is the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Michael B.

Curry," said Roaf. "You remember, he is the one who preached the sermon at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Bishop Curry is, himself, the first African American to hold the presiding bishop's office."

Curry told *The New Tri-State Defender* that the consecration of Roaf as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese Of West Tennessee is "a cause for thanksgiving, celebration and hope."

"To be sure, she and the people of West Tennessee are making history as she is the first woman as well as the first African American

to hold such a position. But the real history-making moment is the hope," Curry said. "She was not elected because she was a woman or African American, though we rightly give thanks for these gifts she brings."

"She was elected because she is a woman committed to Jesus of Nazareth and His way of love. And that way of love is the way to life for us all, black or white, Anglo or Latino, rich or poor, liberal or conservative, gay or straight, old or young. And that is a sign of hope for our country and our world. That's history!"

At his own installation as the 27th presiding bishop and first African American to lead the 2.5 million-member denomination, Curry urged all Episcopalians to "join the Jesus movement."

He took office in November, 2015 of the predominantly European organization at the Washington National Cathedral in the nation's capital. He told the more than 2,500 congregants who witnessed the historic moment:

"The Holy Spirit has done evangelism and racial reconciliation before in the

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

Black history spotlight for Oct. 10: Isaac R. Johnson

Why is there so little content? This was remarkable are there photos. Any family or other inventions from him?

-- Kimon Hutchinson

(NDG Response: Good questions, we will have to research and share more info in the future. Thank you for asking!)

Ed Gray, NDG Senior Columnist: White Privilege in Justice in Dallas

It works a lot better if

you have a few extra Benjamins here and there to grease the right palms....and that ain't right either.

But these types of cases show how important it is to take part in "the process" and elect judges that will do what the blind goddess called justice says do as opposed to what often happens at this time. when we throw away one of the most important tools we have – the vote, someone else will pick it up and use it against us. EJECT ALL RACIST JUDGES!!!

-- Anonymous

Juneteenth Celebrations in Dallas this weekend

I would like to volunteer at the festival. Helping with sales, booths or helping artist. Who should I contact?

-- Anita Malone

NDG endorses Rodwaan Saleh for Irving City Council, Place 2

Whoever wins, I hope we ALL support that individual to do their best and serve the best interests of the city. I hope we can all

agree to that.

-- Delhi Ekambo
via Facebook

NDG WOULD NOT PUBLISH MY COMMENTS. Vote Allan Meagher

-- Betty Bennett
McConnell
via Facebook

Why is Jesse "the best?" Where can I go read facts about all the candidates?

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Critics concerned BB&T and SunTrust merger is a path back to a ‘too big to fail’ type crisis

By Publishers for Economic Parity

“Trust us,” that is what SunTrust CEO William Rogers is asking the American public to do as government officials consider a proposed merger with BB&T Bank. Meanwhile, several leaders are speaking out to raise the alarm regarding the proposed merger. The union of these two banks will reportedly create the sixth largest banking institution in the country.

SunTrust CEO William Rogers, at a public hearing in Charlotte before officials from the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, argued the two banks do not recklessly participate in complicated deals similar to those of their competitors.

“Some have suggested this transaction will create an

institution that’s too big,” Rogers said. “Let me assure you, in the case of this merger, bigger does not mean riskier. Each company has a conservative risk profile now and will maintain such as a combined entity,” according to Rogers. He suggested their merger would lead to more competition.

Meanwhile, Senator Elizabeth Warren is already on record indicating she is not so impressed that the system is working to safeguard the financial industry. Upon the announcement of the deal, Warren, a 2020 presidential candidate, wrote a letter to the Federal Reserve in February, criticizing the agency for routinely approving mergers of this nature. With an 87 percent approval rate, it seems like they are not inclined to deny many mergers. As a result, America

could find itself facing a financial crisis like the Great Recession from 10 years ago.

“The board’s record of summarily approving mergers raises doubts about whether it will serve as a meaningful check on this consolidation that creates a new too big to fail bank and has the potential to hurt consumers,” Warren stated in her letter to Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell when the proposed merger was announced.

Rep. Maxine Waters, chair of the House Financial Services Committee declared the proposed merger “raises many questions and deserves serious scrutiny from banking regulators, Congress, and the public to determine its impact and whether it would create a public benefit for consumers,” according to a report by Politico.

In an earlier report by Publishers for Economic Parity entitled Minorities Listen Up – A Call to Action, the public was encouraged to register to attend the only two public hearings scheduled before a vote for approval of this merger takes place. The first meeting was in Charlotte on April 25; and the next meeting is Friday, May 3 at 8:30 a.m., EDT, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 1000 Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

These concerns come up at a time when reports continue from around the country regarding the widening impact of gentrification such as the NYT’s report, The Neighborhood is Mostly Black, the Home Buyers are Mostly White. In the deep south reports show Black Mississippians twice as likely to be denied a home loan as whites.

How good is Trump’s economy?

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

President Trump, his supporters and those who praise him and his policies are quick to point out that the nation’s jobless rate has fallen to 3.6 percent.

My answer to their praise of the president is not so fast! The jobless rate may be low, but one of the reasons for its current state is that many people in our society have stopped looking for employment.

These are the forgotten Americans who have been pushed beyond the margins of our society, whose families have not benefited from the Trump tax cuts and whose

futures are bleak because of the economic direction that Mr. Trump seems to favor.

The president prefers a course that promotes income inequality and one that leaves the middle class and the poor in economic darkness, forcing them to travel upstream in boats without engines while the rich pass them in luxury liners without any concern for their condition or their futures.

Those who delight in the history of job growth since President Trump was elected need to be reminded that job growth has been on a record incline for the past eight years, dating back to the time when President Obama and his team of advisors led our

nation.

So, the Trump supporters need not be so quick in suggesting that the president pulled a rabbit out of his hat. In fact, job growth was occurring when the current president was the host of a reality television show.

One of the things that are not emphasized by the president when he talks about the nation’s economy is that jobs in retail are taking a beating, they are consistently falling.

They continue to decline because people are more likely to pay for food and shelter before they go on shopping binges. They simply do not have the extra cash, and their credit cards are over their limits.

The reality is that if you are extraordinarily wealthy in Trump’s world, the economic direction and policies of this administration are great for you!

But if you are one of the forgotten people, which consist of the vast majority of the American public, you are an afterthought, if that. Your economic realities are simply not a concern for this administration.

Yes, the jobless rate is low under this administration. But the compassion rate is even lower. And only when the latter is corrected, will the jobless rate will soar!

Congresswoman Johnson represents the 30th Congressional District of Texas.

NDG endorses Carolyn King Arnold in her upcoming runoff race for the District 4 seat on the Dallas City Council. Election Day is June 8, with early voting running from May 28 to June 4.



Dallas City Council
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Tips for surviving allergy season in North Texas

By Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain

Springtime is in full swing, which means allergy season is here! May is recognized as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month to coincide with the peak season of reported symptoms. In the U.S. alone, more than 26 million people experience symptoms related to asthma.

Additionally, 50 million Americans are affected by a variety of allergies including food, skin, pollen, and more. Both conditions are common causes of missed school and work days. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America sponsors



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this awareness month to educate and motivate the public to take preventative action with their healthcare providers.

Allergies and asthma often occur in tandem, as the

same substances are known to trigger both. Some of the most common triggers include pollen, dust, and dander. When the body mistakenly identifies one of these harmless substances as a

threat, an allergic reaction is triggered. In most cases, this manifests as congestion, itchy eyes, or skin irritation. When an allergic reaction advances to affect the lungs and airways, asthma symptoms are likely to occur.

Asthma can become life threatening when symptoms worsen and cause constriction of airways, otherwise known as an asthma attack. Other symptoms of an asthma attack may include wheezing, rapid breathing, chest tightening, and anxiety. If you exhibit these symptoms, call 911 immediately. Family history of allergies or asthma are factors for development of these

conditions.

It is recommended that you consult with your family physician to discuss a treatment plan to minimize your allergy and asthma triggers. Suggested steps can include limiting outdoor activity during early morning hours when levels are the highest. Limiting exposure to respiratory irritants such as smoke, keeping your home clean, regularly changing indoor filters, and avoiding leaving windows and doors open can also help reduce flare-ups.

Although there is no cure for asthma or allergies, taking preventative steps can greatly improve a person's

quality of life and eliminate the need for medical intervention. Knowing what triggers your symptoms and limiting exposure to these factors are the best measures one can take. It is also important to understand that symptoms can evolve over time, so regular check-ins with your physician are recommended to adjust treatment plans accordingly.

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.

Reproductive Justice organizations express dismay over Hyde Amendment status

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Recently, the House Appropriations Committee marked up its Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies spending bill for Fiscal Year 2020. This watershed spending bill reflects several progressive policies that matter to women of color. For the first time in more than 20 years, it includes funding to study gun violence and maternal mortality prevention. It removes funding for abstinence-only education and increases funding levels for comprehensive, medically accurate sexual education and for the Title X Family Planning program that is a lifeline to communities living with low-incomes.

However, once again the bill fell short of eliminating the oppressive Hyde Amendment — sending a clear message to poor women, who are predominately women of color, that they have no right to health care coverage for abortion services.

Under the collaborative Intersections of Our Lives, the leaders of national women of color Reproductive Justice organizations re-



Intersections of Our Lives calls on our champions in Congress to raise their voices in opposition to the draconian Hyde Amendment. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

leased the following statements expressing dismay that the Hyde Amendment was added to the bill:

“Women of color voted to give Democrats control of the House of Representatives because we wanted change. We are watching how that majority votes and we want our legislators to hear us. Now is the time for new Members to take bold action against policies like Hyde that are harmful and deeply personal to the ability of women of color to make decisions about their own bodies,” said Marcela Howell, president and founder of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproduc-

tive Justice Agenda.

“It’s 2019. How much longer do women of color have to wait for basic equity? How can it be that we still do not have enough political will from Members of Congress to say that women with less means are no less deserving of the freedom to make decisions about their bodies and their health with dignity and self-determination?” said Jessica González-Rojas, executive director of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

“It is high time that members of Congress truly hear that women of color deserve full agency in our ability to determine the course of our

lives, our families, and our communities regardless of our means. We will not stand quietly in the face of Congress permitting outdated laws that were put in place to control women of color in our decision making,” said Sung Yeon Choimorrow, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum.

Intersections of Our Lives calls on our champions in Congress to raise their voices in opposition to the draconian Hyde Amendment.

Intersections of Our Lives is a collaborative of National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NA-

PAWF), In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda (In Our Own Voice), and the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIHR), three women-of-color led national reproductive justice organizations with both federal and statewide presence.

The collaborative has released new polling data that demonstrates the growing

power of Black, Latina, Asian American and Pacific Islander women voters and their collective opposition to policies that reduce their ability to determine whether, when, and how to have and parent children.

Sixty-two percent of women of color voters say they will be watching their elected officials in Congress more closely compared to previous elections.

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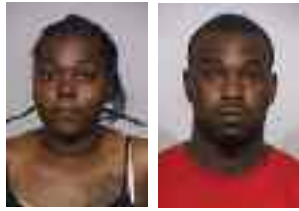
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Irving police arrest couple for trafficking a child and compelling prostitution

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

The Irving Police Department announced the arrest of two suspects on May 7 for trafficking a child and compelling prostitution of a 15-year-old child they were able to rescue.

The victim's mother was last seen by her mother on April 19 near her home in a neighboring city. Using information provided by the victim's mother who was monitoring her daughter's email account, it was deter-



Destiny Hansford (left) and Dominique Parks (right) are facing child trafficking charges and other charges following their arrests by Irving Police. (Images: Irving Police Department)

mined she was in Irving. According to the police, the same account was used to open an account to solicit sex. The police identified the location and rescued the

teen.

"The mother, being diligent, was monitoring the account. She also found an account being using to essentially to solicit sex," Irving Police Officer David Dickinson stated when reached by phone.

Destiny Hansford, 20-years-old, was arrested along with 29-year-old Dominique Parks and charged with trafficking a child and compelling prostitution. Parks was also charged with sexual assault of a child and promotion of child pornog-

raphy.

During their investigation, the police identified websites used to advertise sexual services to customers. Meanwhile, they were moving the victim to various motel rooms.

Advice for parents to protect their kids online

"We are seeing what seems like an increase in human trafficking," Dickinson shared, but indicated they do not have specific stats at this time. He noted, in several of these cases law enforcement is seeing simi-

lar patterns in the way these young kids are being groomed via social media. Dickinson said those with bad intentions are taking advantage of attention seeking youth who share a lot of details about themselves. The predators also take advantage of the emotional upheaval teenagers often experience.

The police want to stress the importance of parents being aware of their child's online usage and presence.

"Someone promising love, friendship seduces

them out of the safety of their home and they are made to do all kinds of horrible acts," Dickinson warned. He advised parents know their children's online screen names and passwords.

He also stressed how important it is for them to have the names and phone numbers of the friends of their children. He suggested having their parent's info as well. This information becomes critical in the event a child is missing.

Dallas Animal Services awarded \$200k at Innovation Showdown

Dallas Animal Services (DAS) competed in the third-annual Innovation Showdown on Wednesday, April 17, and received a \$200,000 investment in its cutting-edge customer service application, the Dallas90 Shelter Service System (D90SSS). The award will go towards funding the development and implementation of this lifesaving application. Once developed and fine-tuned, DAS plans to share the application with shelters across the country, allowing them to customize it for their needs and increase their ability to save



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lives.

"We are incredibly honored that so many experts in our field recognized the value of our concept and trust DAS to bring that concept to fruition," said Ed Jamison, Director of Dallas Animal Services. "We believe that the Dallas90 Shelter Service Sys-

tem will help DAS, and shelters across the country, eliminate the need to euthanasia adoptable animals for space."

The D90SSS is designed to streamline and improve customer service in the Dallas Animal Services shelter by providing indoor building navigation, the ability to request help from a customer service representative with the push of a button, adoption queue systems, customer service video chat, advanced pet searching, and more.

"DAS exceeded a 90% live release rate for the first time in its history in December

and we have continued to exceed that rate every month since; however, we don't believe it is currently sustainable," said Jamison. "The D90SSS will make that 90% rate sustainable because it will help us increase the number of adoptions by providing top-notch customer service to each person who visits us."

The third annual Innovation Showdown, a collaborative project from the Petco Foundation, The Jackson Galaxy Project and the nation's top animal welfare organizations that seeks to spark creative solutions by

encouraging and investing in lifesaving innovation to reduce the number of animals euthanized in the U.S. Each participating investing organization contributed \$50,000 in lifesaving funds for a total of \$450,000 available to invest in the award-winning ideas.

"The Innovation Showdown shows how thinking out of the box in animal welfare to solve problems is another way to help us become a life-saving nation," said Susanne Kogut, the Petco Foundation president. "The nation's top animal welfare or-

ganizations coming together to provide insight, guidance and ultimately investments to launch these ideas is instrumental to their success."

The Innovation Showdown, created in 2017 by the Petco Foundation and The Jackson Galaxy Project, is modeled after the critically acclaimed "Shark Tank" for entrepreneurs, but with one major difference. The Innovation Showdown's ultimate goal is not a financial return on investment, but a lifesaving return on investment to save the lives of more animals in need.

DART takes delivery of 41 new buses to add to service fleet

The addition of new buses to their existing fleet will help make it easier for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to make planned service changes later this summer.

DART plans to focus "New Flyer" buses on peak schedule adjustments by

straightening out, simplifying and improving access on several routes in and around Dallas beginning August 12.

The 41 new CNG-fueled buses are each 40-ft. long. To date, thirteen New Flyer XN-40 buses have been delivered from St. Cloud, Minnesota, with an additional

three arriving weekly.

New bus features that commuters will appreciate are the USB ports located at 33 of the seats that will allow them to charge their electronic devices while riding, larger interior InfoTransit monitors, vinyl upholstery on the seats and flush-

mounted tinted windows.

Besides a cleaner, smoother, quieter ride and sleeker appearance, DART operators will have a barrier door shield and a sliding window, automatic passenger counters and a new on-board battery management system.



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wear, more practical products."

To keep abreast of the latest styles, Temple said he travels overseas to Italy and France frequently to see what styles will be in for the upcoming year since Europe sets the trend for what's to come to America in the next year or so. He also attends "The Magic Show," a fashion show

that's held in Las Vegas, to see what industry designers will deem as fashionable in the fall during its spring show and what will be popular next spring during the show's fall showcase. Lastly, he works with a team of contract designers who can give him insight on next season's latest fashions since they also work for high-end brands.

"We like to consider ourselves trendsetters," Temple said. "We design our own things that we think are going to be a huge success. We take lots of chances on first-to-market things that we create in-house."

Most of his customer base are graduate chapter members with 70 percent of them between 35 and 55 years old. Core products for Temple's store include blazers, button-

up shirts, scarves and luggage—his most popular item. This summer, sorority-themed jewelry will be added to the Sorority Row Boutique collection for customers.

"We have a brick and mortar store where our customers can touch and feel our merchandise," Temple said. "If you want to try on a blazer or a shoe, you can do so at our store."

Getting the word out about RG Apparel Inc. has been easy for Temple thanks to social media and the Internet. He said advertising on Google has led to his store's success, and a presence on both Facebook and Instagram have helped to garner him exposure for his business.

In the next three to four months, Temple said he plans to add 1,000 square

feet to Sorority Row Boutique's 1,300 square-foot space. He also is eyeing the possibility of opening six to seven stores across the country in the future. To learn more about Sorority Row Boutique or RG Apparel, please visit rgapparel.com or call 214-441-3414.

"We welcome everyone to come to Sorority Row and enjoy the shopping experience," Temple said.

District 6 is feeling the love



Joyce Foreman
Dallas ISD
District 6
Trustee

As the school year winds down, the month of May is a time to give a nod to the wins and grins that reward the yearlong hard work and tenacious efforts of students, faculty and staff.

At the recent Counselor of the Year ceremony, Thomas Tolbert Elementary School was recognized as a Lone Star Award Winner. This award is given to schools whose counselors

exhibit excellence in advocacy, leadership, collaboration and systemic change as supported by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model. Congratulations to Rashunda Mendy, counselor at Tolbert elementary, for outstanding service. I'm grateful to have counselors of such caliber supporting District 6 schools.

Christmas came early for students at Barbara Jordan Elementary School

Shoes That Fit, a national nonprofit children's charity that provides children with new athletic shoes, part-

nered with the Bosse Companies to donate more than 120 pairs of shoes and socks to help students at Barbara Jordan Elementary School.

Students beamed with excitement as they opened their boxes to find athletic sneakers of all colors and styles. Many immediately began to dance, wearing big smiles on their faces.

I echo the sentiments of Lucy Hopkins, principal at Jordan elementary, as she expressed gratitude saying, "We want our students to be ready for success without any reservations when they come to school. Having

business members who are willing to come in and make sure these kids have shoes they are proud to wear and properly fit is the most rewarding thing." It is indeed rewarding because access to basic necessities can impact a student's ability to learn. And I'm committed to the work of ensuring that every student in District 6 has access to what he or she needs to succeed in our schools.

And the love keeps on coming...

Students at Adelle Turner Elementary School and William H. Atwell Middle

School have more technology at their fingertips thanks to a generous donation from Conn's Home Plus. The home appliance chain donated 30 laptop computers to each campus as part of their "Technology Caravan" program. The program is designed to encourage students to make it happen in their lives, on and

off the field.

Dallas Cowboys Safety, Kavon Frazier, took part in the in the donation event, inspiring students to make the best of every opportunity to learn and grow. Turner and Atwell are two of four Dallas ISD schools to receive the laptop donation, impacting over 2600 students.

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Cutting Edge Youth Summit helps students look forward to success

Bright and early on a Saturday morning, 300 students, parents, teachers, and community leaders attended the Cutting Edge Youth Summit at Southern Methodist University, Cox School of Business on April 13. Participants included not only local North Texans, but they traveled from South Texas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Throughout the event, participants contributed to interactive sessions and engaged in powerful discussions.

In 1963, James Baldwin gave a speech entitled, "Talk to Teachers" describing the experiences of black students in America. Although Baldwin's speech is more than 50 years old, the relevancy of his message holds true to the experiences of minority students today. They must achieve excellence in their educational institutions, professional careers, and social lives while navigating in a white world.

Dr. Candice Bledsoe, the founder of the Cutting Edge Youth Summit and executive director of the Action Research Center, developed the conference in 2011. The Summit is designed to help students become both college and career ready through seminars focused on academic, civic responsibility, physical and mental health, plus leadership



NDG Senior Columnist Ed Gray, pictured with his daughter Brittanee Gray, was one of the guest speakers at the Cutting Edge Youth Summit. (Courtesy photo)

skills.

Many local leaders also shared visions for their communities during the various sessions. These workshops allowed experts to discuss methods to foster community collaboration and support minority children. Community leaders included: Yolonda Blue Horse, community activist, K.C. Fox, media executive, Brittnae Gray, counseling intern, Professor Giovanni Dortch, University of Memphis, Quinn McGowan, CEO of Legends PRESS, Kai Stansberry, VP of

United Nations Association-Dallas Chapter, Emma Chalott of North Texas Dream Team, Sonya Goode, Director of Dallas Rape and Crisis Center, and Soraya Roco, Deputy Director, Office of Texas State Representative Terry Meza.

SMU Alums shared their inspirational journeys during students sessions. Panelists included:

- Ed Gray, *North Dallas Gazette* Senior Columnist, WFAA political contributor, and SMU Graduate Liberal

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Dale Hansen selected as keynote speaker for FinServ Expo

The Council for Inclusion in Financial Services (CIFS) announces Dallas-based media luminary, Dale Hansen, as a keynote speaker at its upcoming 2019 National Financial Services Expo (FinServ Expo). Hansen is slated to speak

Tuesday, June 4.

“Dale Hansen has a track record of bravely addressing the bold topics of our day, and has shown consistent support of Diversity & Inclusion causes,” said John Darden, CIFS Board President. “We are excited to have his

unique brand of intellect and influence as our 2019 FinServ Expo keynote speaker.”

The 2019 National Financial Services Expo (FinServ Expo,) June 3-5 in Irving, TX, was created to help the financial services industry attract, retain and sustain an in-

clusive workforce, increase access to small businesses, promote transformative technology initiatives and educate the public about financial processes, products and services. The expo theme this year is Illuminating the Path to the Future=AAI (Access.

Automation. Inclusion.)

This event will bring together all the players in finance — from housing and insurance to banking and wealth management, to experience sessions led by national influencers and top-ranked business leaders.



Dale Hansen (Courtesy photo)

Dallas Black community and police seek common ground to reduce incidents of police lethal force

By Lawana Harrell Porter
NDG Guest Contributor

Sometimes a conversation between adversaries can mark the start of a healing process.

That hope fueled a recent community forum between Dallas police and members of the black community about alternatives to police use of deadly force in confrontations between police and black people, especially individuals with mental disabilities. The forum was held in council chambers at Dallas City Hall and was organized by the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in cooperation with the Dallas Police Department and city of Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas.

Forum inspired by report about force against mentally disabled

Forum moderator Demetria McCain opened the conversation with a compelling question, “Can I trust my life and the lives of my loved ones to this or any other police department across the country?” Her statement went on to express community fears about aggressive policing and police use of lethal force against young people and those with mental disabilities.

The issue is documented in a 2016 report by the Ruderman Family Foundation concluding that people with disabilities were one-third to one-half of those killed by law enforcement officers between 2013 and 2015 even when their hands were



Dallas Police Chief Renee Hall at recent Police Community Conversation Forum (Courtesy Photo)

raised in surrender. The report details multiple instances of police fatal shootings of individuals with autism, schizophrenia and other disabilities, and criticizes media coverage for failing to connect the violence and disability. At its national meeting, the sorority approved a resolution calling for police departments to reduce violent confrontations with disabled people. The resolution led to the Dallas forum, Lethal Force: Last Resort – A Community Conversation.

Speakers framed concerns about safety and alternatives to force

Featured speakers detailed community concerns and possible alternatives to police use of deadly force. The panel included Texas Senator Royce West, Friendship West Baptist Church Pastor Frederick Haynes, Mothers Against Police Brutality founder Sara Mokuria, attorney

Cheryl Wattley and police officers Sgt. Anthony Greer, SC Bobby Parrott, Sgt. Raimario Sanchez and Sgt. Jennifer Wells.

Rev. Haynes suggested that violent enforcement methods are an outdated hold-over from a time when police forces were used to maintain the system of slavery. Calling for more in-depth sensitivity training, Haynes said before officers receive guns, they should be required to serve community internships to learn about and develop trust with those they serve.

Citing the waste of human potential when young people are killed by police Sara Mokuria said, “We need to broaden the conversation about public safety beyond comply or die, increase police training in the use of de-escalation tactics, and eliminate use of deadly force against fleeing suspects.”

Mokuria, who said she

and a sibling witnessed police kill her mentally-disturbed father when they were children, said police are not equipped to respond appropriately in situations involving people with mental disabilities. “It’s too much,” she said, “to ask an officer to be a first responder and a mental health professional. Let’s have trained professionals respond to those situations.”

In his comments, Sen. West expressed the complexity of the deadly force debate. “Like all of us, police officers have families who are concerned that they return home at the end of the day,” he said. But given citizens’ concerns about excessive use of deadly force, West said there is a move in many cities to pass legislation to limit when police can use deadly force.

Police: At work on

multiple alternatives to lethal force

Dallas Police Chief Renee Hall and a trio of officers discussed actions police are taking to reduce use of deadly force. Hall stressed the importance of positive police-community relations and affirmed that under her leadership the department is actively working to balance protection of citizens with less use of deadly force. Asked about efforts to weed out racists and extremists on the force, she said, like other employers, the department is limited in how deeply it can screen applicants, but she said the department conducts background checks and reviews candidates’ social media profiles before hiring.

Officer Bobby Parrott who works with recruits in the department’s training

academy said all officers undergo sensitivity training and instruction in a variety of non-lethal defensive tactics. He said the department’s training emphasizes time and distance, a practice that encourages officers to avoid confronting suspects when possible until more officers arrive on scene to provide support that may improve outcomes. Officers are also trained to talk with people to try to resolve issues and avoid confrontations, but Parrott admitted communication skills are not as well developed as they might be in the 18- to 21-year-olds who are the majority of police recruits.

Regarding police use of non-lethal options, Sgt. Anthony Greer said police officers are trained to employ Tasers, pepper balls, mace and other tools to control vi-

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Don't miss **Kaa Boo Texas: Sting / Killers / Kid Rock / Pitbull** from May 10 to May 12, at the AT&T Stadium. This music festival comes to North Texas by way of San Diego, where it started in 2015. Organizers partnered with the Dallas Cowboys to bring what's billed as a luxury music, comedy and culinary "experience" to from the beach to the landlocked AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Stages for artists and cooking demonstrations and VIP amenities, such as a Las Vegas-style pool, will be set up in the parking lots surround the football stadium. The lineup for this three-day event includes music by Sting, the Killers, Kid Rock, Pitbull, Ms. Lauryn Hill, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Pitbull, Little Big Town, Ludacris, the Avett Brothers, the Dip and a special guest "to be announced." To purchase tickets visit www.it-slivewired.com.

Carrollton

The **Mother's Day Concert** will be held on May 11,

from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at A.W. Perry Homestead Museum, in Carrollton. Celebrate Mother's Day with family and friends on the Museum grounds and beautiful Pearl Perry Gravley Park while listening to the New Horizons Dixie Swing Band play from the front porch of the historic home. They will have your toes tapping and the kids dancing. Bring a picnic basket, blankets, and lawn chairs. Free ice cream and lemonade will be served. Children can make a card and an old-fashioned handmade gift for mom.

Dallas

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Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo who has accepted a sponsor's exemption to play as an amateur. Now in its second year at the Trinity Forest Golf Club, Byron Nelson fans can find some of the most popular venues from years past including the air-conditioned Pavilion, Kids Zone and the Grey Goose 19th Hole. Daily grounds tickets are available for \$45, with upgraded options beginning at \$125. Tickets include complimentary shuttles from remote parking lots to the tournament's main entrance. For tickets visit www.attbyronnelson.org

Explore **Main Street Garden Day** on May 10, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Main Street Garden, in Dallas. Celebrate the recent Dog Run and Children's Playground renovations and new café operator Hot Off The Press Dallas. The Day will include fun-filled, family-oriented entertainment including a ribbon-cutting, pet adoptions, a Puppy Kissing Booth presented by The Dallas Morning News,



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performers from PULSE Dallas and The Office of Cultural Affairs, a fitness class, skyline tours, and more.

The **JCC Bagel Run** will be held on May 12, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Aaron Family Jewish Community Center of Dallas, in Dallas. The Jewish Community Center of Dallas presents the 33rd annual Bagel Run, a true Mother's Day tradition. Choose between 10K, 5K and Kids K, with awards given by age. The run is followed by a delicious bagel buffet including schmears and fresh fruit, and fresh flowers for moms. All runners get a cool t-shirt as well. Register early for the best rates. Information provided by the venue. For more information visit www.jccdallas.org.

Don't miss the **DFW South Asian Film Festival** from May 16 to May 19, at AMC Village on the Parkway 9, in Dallas. The fifth annual DFW South Asian Film Festival, presented by Toyota, will feature one world premiere, two North American premieres, one U.S. premiere, 14 Texas premieres and three Dallas premieres. The four-day movie event will take place at various locations including Victory Park, Addison and the Design District, and feature 21 shorts, documentaries and feature films, Q&A sessions with attending filmmakers/actors and nightly after-parties for festival-goers. To purchase tickets visit www.dfwsaff.com.

Plano

Support the **Friends of the Farmstead Dinner and Concert** featuring Jamie Lin Wilson on May 10, at Heritage Farmstead Museum, in Plano. Enjoy dinner and an open-air concert by Texas music singer-songwriter Jamie Lin Wil-

son on the historic grounds of the Heritage Farmstead Museum in Plano. Proceeds support Heritage Farmstead Museum's mission of preserving and celebrating agricultural history in North Texas. The evening includes a welcome reception with cocktails by Deep Eddy Vodka, Texas wines and craft beers. Dinner will be served buffet style and guests can participate in fun games of Heads or Tails and Chicken Poop Bingo. For tickets visit www.heritagefarmstead.org.

The first annual **Legacy Jazz Festival** hosted by the Braswell HS Band will take place May 11, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Legacy Food Hall, in Plano. Eventgoers can expect to hear performances by area middle school and high school jazz bands, as well as a show by jazz icon Freddie Jones and Grammy-nominated drummer Ray "Quasi" Nelson. This event is free, for more information visit www.visitplano.com.

Mother's Day celebration ideas in Dallas

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Mom's deserve much more than one day, but the second Sunday in May is the one day we set aside to celebrate Mama. After you buy her a new dress, new perfume and join her for church services, here are five suggestions on how you can celebrate the most important woman in your life.

Instead of just getting her nails and hair done, take mom to stretch out. **Kika**



Kika Stretch Studios is offering a free session to those who pre-register or attend the grand opening. (Courtesy photo)

Stretch Studios new location is the home for The Kika Method, which is a

form of passive stretching in which an external force exerts upon the limb to

move it into the new position. The address is 3090 Olive Street (inside of the new WeWork) and guest of their grand opening on Saturday May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. can receive one free 45 minute session scheduled for later. The offer is available to those who book online before May 11. Visit kikastretchstudios.com/dallas-tx/

After you has stretched out, instead of sitting down at crowded restaurant, just swing by one of the two **Fajita Pete's** locations and get



Pick up a full meal for 4 or 6 from Fajita Pete's. (Image: Pedro Mora from Fajita Pete's)

dinner for four or six. Located at 6090 Campbell

Road in Dallas and 1008 W. Hebron Parkway in Carrollton, the family packs are served with mixed chicken & beef fajitas, all the fixings, queso and guacamole. Details at fajitapetes.com.

Dining at Five Sixty by Wolfgang Puck is like being on top of the world as you look out from Reunion Tower. They offering a Mother's Day Brunch which starts with Crispy Shrimp and Lobster Spring Rolls served with a honey

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olent offenders. Greer said the department encourages officers to consider using less lethal options whenever possible to reduce injuries to officers and the public, however he said the decision of which option to use in a confrontation involves

a judgment call by the officer on the scene.

Police acknowledge that responding to calls involving individuals with mental health issues is a serious enforcement challenge. To decrease the odds of these situations turning violent, the

department is testing a pilot program that sends a special team to calls involving people with mental illness. The Right Care team is composed of a police officer, paramedic and mental health professional. Care team officer Sgt. Jennifer Wells said the team responds to sensitive calls in

unmarked vehicles and can perform mental health evaluations, supply meds, and provide a variety of social service resources to individuals and families. To date, she said results are positive. The team has not only developed positive relationships with disabled people and their families but has

freed up other officers by responding to the repeat calls police often receive from boarding houses and residences of mentally disabled people.

Discussions are to continue

Following a robust Q&A session, participants left the forum knowing more about

the challenges facing police and having had a chance to express their concerns directly to police. The sorority and city officials have promised follow-up exchanges to keep the police-community conversation going in hopes of realizing better relations and less strife and loss of life.

The Real James Bond was Dominican premieres at Bishop Arts Theatre Centre

The Bishop Arts Theatre Center (BATC), Oak Cliff's multicultural and multidiscipline center for the arts, and DNAWORKS present The Real James Bond...Was Dominican, written and performed by Christopher Rivas, and developed with and directed by Daniel Banks. The regional premiere of this original theatre piece runs May 16 through May 19.

What happens when a James Bond-obsessed Do-



minican boy in Queens (who won't go anywhere without his nerf gun) finds

out that the real James Bond was Dominican? This is a true story about Porfirio Rubirosa, Ian Fleming's inspiration for Bond, and a young Dominican actor-to-be – whose discovery of "Rubi" shakes his very foundation. Set to a live percussion score and immersive projections, The Real James Bond...Was Dominican is a young man's guide to love, sex, color, code-switching, white-washing, success, fake-it-till-you-

make-it, and the roller coaster of finding one's true self.

In 2010, Christopher Rivas's friend sent him a Vanity Fair article that would change his life forever. It was about Dominican diplomat, sportsman, and playboy Porfirio Rubirosa, twice the richest man in the world, best friends with everyone, and the man on whom James Bond was based....

"This blew my mind be-

cause, as a kid who grew up watching so much TV, so much Bond, and superheroes and everything in between, I never saw someone who looked like me, or like my father or like the people I love—and if I did, they were selling drugs, or mowing lawns," Rivas explained. "Where was my father and other people I love? So here I am obsessed with this white hero who it turns out isn't even white. Imagine how different my life would

have been if instead of needing to prove that I have a voice and a story worth telling, I would have had my own hero, a brown hero who looked like me."

Following every performance, DNA WORKS Founder and the show's director Daniel Banks will host a Community Storytelling Circle with the audience to engage the community in further conversation on the richness of our individual stories.

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Studies Doctoral Student,

- Emmanuel Obi, Esq.,
- John Kalkanli, SMU Graduate Liberal Studies Doctoral,
- Ana Rodriguez, Director of SMU Cox Latino Leadership Initiative, and
- Alicia Rameriz-Serrato, CEO & Founder of Primos

Mentoring.

"We know that diversity strengthens communities and corporations alike, and we know that those communities and corporations look to Cox to continue providing a diverse talent pool for their workforce. We are committed to creating a

classroom that reflects socioeconomic, sexual, gender, racial and ethnic diversity," Steven Denson, Director of Cox Diversity Initiatives, stated.

Renato del los Santos, Executive Director of LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc.-Dallas, served as the keynote speaker. He encour-

aged students to connect with mentors to build a network of support. The SMU Society of Women Engineers led the Global STEAM (Science Engineering, Arts and Math) Session.

Student innovators were recognized for utilizing their businesses to address social issues. Taylor Neely is Cedar Hill High School stu-

dent and the CEO of Be Different. Her T-shirt business displays images of women of color with natural hair. Edsel Dureus, Jr., Bishop Dunne Catholic High School student, was recognized for his presentation, "Gentrification Eradication."

Members of the Cutting Edge Youth Summit team

expressed excitement about the upcoming, new digital framework.

"We look forward to continuing to support our students, parents, teachers, and community leaders with innovative technology. We understand that it takes a village to raise a child," Dr. Bledsoe said.



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Characters abound at Fan Expo Dallas

By Kendall Dolo

Fan Expo Dallas is a convention for both young and old alike. The three-day event held at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center and featured thousands of attendees from all walks of life. With a myriad of activities and booths, appealing to anyone from casual enthusiasts to dedicated fans seeking to geek out on their interests.

The most substantial part fans look forward to the most, perhaps, is the celebrity encounters. Voice actors, talent, artists, and creators from franchises, such as Back to the Future and Stephen King's It, participate in panels and photo ops as a



way to connect to their supporters.

The convention also fea-

tured what they call an Artist's Alley featuring t-shirts, stickers, art, and local



Fan Expo includes many Q&A sessions (above) and a wildly-dressed cadre of fantasy enthusiasts (at left) who come out in droves. (Photos: Madison Dolo / NDG)

art available for sale. Downstairs, if you're craving a change in pace, they offered an area explicitly made for quiet time. Here you can cool off from the hustle and bustle of the event and play a few rounds of Dungeons and Dragons or relax and play

checkers and such. Featured here as well, are family areas, full of content that is child-friendly and adapted for those taking care of little ones. Throughout the day you'll see people dressed in what is called cosplay. Fans spend copious hours months

in advance making elaborate costumes depicted after their favorite characters.

Additionally, there are meetups made for those cosplaying from the same fandom- such as Disney or Netflix's hit original, The Umbrella Academy. Dallas Fan Expo creates a safe space for interests dubbed as "geek culture" and cultivated them to be an unmatched experience. To be in a place full of like-minded people, who are simultaneously living in the same moment is a rare occurrence in today's society. Not only do you meet new people, but it is truly an event that hardcore fans or casual viewers can genuinely and safely enjoy.

NDG Entertainment Guide: Celebrate Mother's Day, enjoy the AT&T Byron Nelson, and explore the Lanterns in the Garden in DFW

Since Mother's Day is coming up, many people are looking for things to do this weekend. Well, we have colorful lights in the Fort Worth garden, the annual AT&T Byron Nelson in Dallas, concerts and more!

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ment's main entrance. For tickets visit www.attbyronnelson.org

View the Lanterns in the Garden from May 9 to May 12, at at Fort Worth Botanic Garden, in Fort Worth. Lantern festivals are a central part of Chinese culture that dates back thousands of years. Join us as this ancient tradition comes to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden; featuring lanterns crafted from silk, wire, and steel and an evening filled with fun, food and adventure. This event offers visitors the opportunity to experience an event rarely



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staged outside of Asia. \$18, \$8 for ages 3-15, free for children 2 and younger

BLINK-182 And Lil Wayne tickets will go on sale on Friday, May 10, at 12 p.m. at LiveNation.com. Multi-platinum, award winning artists blink-182 and

Lil Wayne announced they'll be hitting the road together for the first time ever on a co-headlining tour across North America this summer. Special guest Neck Deep will join on all dates. Produced by Live Nation,

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ten-spice dipping sauce; Avocado Toast, topped with a yuzu avocado mousse, marinated tomatoes and Thai basil; or a Warm Spinach Salad. For the second Dad can enjoy the Five Sixty "Steak and Eggs" with grilled beef filet, poached egg, caviar hollandaise, watercress, and truffle vinaigrette; while Mom decides if she wants "Maryland style" Crab Cake; Maitake Mushroom Quiche with black truffles; or Korean Fried "Chicken and Waf-

fles." Save room for desert and select Rhubarb-Ginger Cheesecake or Five-Spice



Wolf Gang Puck is serving Korean Chicken and Waffles and Avocado Toast at Mother's Day Brunch (Courtesy Photo)

Chocolate Mousse Pops. The price ranges from \$51-\$58. Reservations are required, call 214-741-5560 or wolfgangpuck.com.

Score a workplace win with these 5 traits of successful athletes

When Tiger Woods thrilled the sports world by winning The Masters golf tournament, many golf experts and fans viewed his triumph as inspirational.

After all, the 43-year-old Woods demonstrated not just athletic skills, but also mental strength that allowed him to overcome declining physical prowess and years of adversity that included a sex scandal, divorce and numerous back and knee surgeries.

For high-performing athletes, that's not so unusual because mental attitude is often critical to success in sports. But the same can be true in the workplace for those willing to learn from the practices of athletes and apply them in their own lives, says Grant Parr (www.gameperformance.com), a mental sports performance coach and the author of *The Next One Up Mindset: How To Prepare For The Unknown*.



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The key, Parr says, is to be prepared when big opportunities arrive – sometimes unexpectedly, as it did for Woods.

“Many of the demands we face at work are not so different than those faced by high-caliber athletes,” Parr says. “The need for

mental toughness in the face of chaos and adversity is similar.

“But what happens when a big moment is at hand, like a promotion, and people aren't ready for it? What did they not do to be properly prepared? The world is filled with unexpected op-

portunities for greatness, and there are processes that athletes and people in all types of positions can execute to get prepared for that moment.”

Parr focuses on five areas where athletic examples can be applied toward readiness and success in the workplace:

Applying grit in the face of adversity. “Handling adversity starts with being flexible,” Parr says. “Take difficult people you have to deal with; you must be able to adapt and adjust, know when to let things roll off your back and when to stand your ground. Or when you've missed your sales quota, you lose key people, etc., the stress can be enormous. These are times you have to rely on your inner warrior and draw on your past examples of strong mental performance.”

Turning crisis into opportunity. Some athletes are summoned to a bigger

role because the performer in front of them is ineffective or hurt. “Can you see opportunity when everyone else sees uncertainty?” Parr asks. “When others react with fright, you can choose mental might.”

Embracing your role. Every team requires people who fulfill their roles. Part of embracing your role is recognizing that the team's needs are bigger than your own. “Rock your role, and people will notice,” Parr says. “But keep aspiring, studying the practices of those in higher roles, and you'll be fully prepared for advancement when it comes.”

Visualizing success. So critical to success in sports, visualizing success is just as vital in business. “See the performance as you wish it to go,” Parr says. “See yourself performing with energy and confidence; pump yourself up with positive talk.”

Assuming leadership.

“Doing your best, showing enthusiasm and trustworthiness help establish a culture that lifts everyone up,” Parr says. “Showing leadership when you don't have a formal title allows you to develop the skills you'll need when an opportunity arises and offers evidence you're the one to fulfill that opportunity.”

“You may wait 10 or more years for a big opportunity, or it may come suddenly,” Parr says. “But if you're not ready mentally, that opportunity will pass you by.”

Grant Parr (www.gameperformance.com) is a mental sports performance coach and the author of *The Next One Up Mindset: How To Prepare For The Unknown*. Parr owns and runs *GAMEFACE PERFORMANCE*, a consulting firm that enhances mental skills for athletes and coaches.

Get a one-ring call? Don't call back

By Michael Atleson
Acting Assistant Director
Division of Consumer &
Business Education

A while back, we warned you about the “one ring” scam. That's when you get a phone call from a number you don't know, and the call stops after just one ring. The scammer is hoping you'll

call back, because it's really an international toll number and will appear as a charge on your phone bill — with most of the money going to the scammer.

Well, the scam is back with a vengeance, and the FCC just issued a new advisory about it. Read the FCC's advisory for more detail, but the advice from

both agencies remains the same if you get one of these calls:

- Don't call back
- Report the robocall to the FTC at www.donotcall.gov and to the FCC at www.fcc.gov/complaints
- Always check your phone bill for suspicious or unusual charges

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the massive 38-city outing will kick off June 27th in Columbus, OH and make stops in Toronto, Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles, and more before wrapping September 16th in Cincinnati, OH.

The tour will see both artists playing indoors and outdoors in arenas and amphitheatres across the U.S. and Canada all summer long.

Enjoy the **Urban Artist Market** on May 10, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Addison Conference and Theatre Center, in Addison. The

Urban Artist Market will feature regionally sourced art, sculpture, pottery, fiber art, jewelry, mosaic, stained glass, ceramics, painting, libations and desserts that are handcrafted and presented by the artisan community.

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The North Dallas Gazette is a community-driven newspaper with a digital presence seeking a new Video/Audio Producer Intern for our new video platform and to assist with the growth of our media company through quality video production.

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- Basic graphic design experience
- Create content based upon agreed criteria
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- Good time and project management skills
- Attention to detail as it relates to spelling and grammar
- Provide regular status updates to stakeholders and management

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New requirement applies to any business seeking a tax ID number

WASHINGTON — During National Small Business Week, the Internal Revenue Service wants small business taxpayers and the self-employed to know that, starting May 13, an important change will affect the way it issues employer identification numbers, or EINs.

With identity theft on the rise in

the business community, the agency also offered business taxpayers tips and resources for protecting their data from theft.

National Small Business Week is May 5-11. For more than 50 years, the week has recognized the important contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners.

EINs and responsible parties

Beginning May 13, only individuals with tax identification numbers — either a Social Security number (SSN) or an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) — may request an employer identification number. This new requirement, which was first announced by the IRS in March, will

provide greater security to the EIN process by requiring an individual to be the responsible party and will also improve transparency.

An EIN is a nine-digit tax identification number assigned to sole proprietors, corporations, partnerships, estates, trusts, employee retirement plans and other entities

for tax-filing and reporting purposes.

The change prohibits entities from using their own EINs to obtain additional EINs. The new requirement applies to both the paper Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, and online EIN applications.

Frazier House hosting Lunch & Learn class on ID theft

“Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft” will be presented by Nahemia Lusan, Retail Personal Banker for Comerica Bank, at the May 14 Lunch & Learn Series Class at Frazier House. The session begins at 11:30 a.m.

Lusan says most fraud begins with the fraudster getting access to your personal information. Once your information falls into the wrong hands, a fraudster can begin to impersonate you to acquire goods, services and even assets.

This course will;

- review tools that may serve as an extra layer of protection
- urge participants to take ownership of their personal information
- urge participants to have an awareness of how we fall victim to Identity theft

At Comerica Bank, Lusan



Nahemia Lusan

drives small business development, revenue, client relations, and financial education. A Trusted Advisor with six years experience in banking, she serves in multiple roles, including that of a

Licensed Financial Specialist, Bank Branch Trainer, and Customer Advocate. Prior to transitioning, she served as a Cultural Organizer for 10 years at the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission. An Honors graduate, Lusan has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in Management from Texas Woman's University. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Finance and Cyber Security from Texas A & M University at Commerce.

The class is free and open to the public. Guests are invited to bring their lunch to Frazier House, 4600 Spring Avenue. The beverages will be provided.

To register, go to www.zwhj-coc.org, and click on Classes. For more information, email Jasmine Anderson at jasmine.anderson@zwhj-coc.org.

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Episcopal Church. “God is not finished with this church. God has work for us to do. Jesus has shown us the way and we are the Jesus movement, so my brothers and sisters, walk together, children, don't you get weary.”

Roaf expressed excitement about “just the great opportunity for ministry” in her new office.

“I just feel so excited and so hopeful about the opportunity to partner with others to present the Episcopal Church to those who would not have, otherwise, considered becoming a part of this denomination,” she said. “The Holy Spirit is blowing through the Episcopal Church in a brand-new way. And I really want people to just look beyond my race and gender and see my heart. I love Jesus Christ. He is my Lord and Savior. And I am ready to serve because I

love Him and I love His people.”

The West Tennessee Diocese covers all Episcopalian churches west of the Tennessee River, with more than 8,200 active members.

Roaf succeeds Bishop Don E. Johnson, who has served The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee as Bishop since 2001.

Roaf was chosen as the Fourth Bishop of West Tennessee in November 2018 by a vote of both clergy and lay delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention.

Roaf earned a Bachelors degree in U.S. History from Harvard and a Masters degree in Public Affairs from Princeton. She went on to earn a law degree from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, and clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit for two years. She worked in commercial real estate as an associate at a New

Orleans law firm before pursuing a call to serve The Episcopal Church as clergy.

“I knew that law was not my true calling,” said Roaf. “It was not my passion. I had to ask myself, ‘What makes me excited and what makes me happy?’ It was ministry. When I was in the altar guild or teaching Sunday School, those were the things that filled me with so much joy and so much energy. I knew I was called to ministry 15 years before I actually went to seminary. Obeying God was the best thing I ever did in my life.”

Roaf attended Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating with a Masters in Divinity in 2008. She currently serves the seminary as Board of Trustees vice-chair. Roaf is the eldest of four, with one sister and two brothers. They will all be at her Consecration on Saturday.

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The Dallas ISD Teacher and Large Scale Job Fair will be held on May 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Emmett J. Conrad High School, in Dallas. If you are interested in gaining a position for the 2019-2020 school year, Dallas ISD encourages you to attend. Come and experience the opportunity to interview with our campus principals and leaders.

If attending, please ensure to register prior to the event in order to receive job fair updates and information. Openings include: elementary, middle school, high school, Counselor, Media Specialist, and

Teacher Assistant. To register visit Eventbrite.com.

May 22 Dallas 2019 Professional Hiring Event.

The Dallas 2019 Profes-

sional Hiring Event will be held on May 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Hotel Indigo, in Dallas.

This Professional Hiring Event is free to job seekers and allows you to connect face to face with top em-

ployers.

Professional Dress is required and bringing additional copies of your resume is strongly recommended.

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May 15, 7 pm

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May 15

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May 12, 10 a.m.

Please join us for our Morning Service; and don't forget to invite family and friends to join us as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May 13, 7 p.m.

You are invited to Monday School to see what God has to say to us in His Holy Word.

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Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. **Psalm 127:1-2** (KJV)

Imagine spending years building an expensive home with the finest materials and

craftsmanship. It is a work of art, and the project is almost complete. As the day arrives to move in, a building inspector arrives and hands you a notice that condemns your beautiful home because it doesn't meet code.

Many Christian believers who invest years in their lives will one day stand before the Lord and realize they were building the house, not the Lord. God is very picky about motives behind the actions. Before we act, we must ask why? Why are we doing what we are doing? Has God called us to this task? Is the real motive purely financial? Control? Or, is it prestige?

If any man builds on this

foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work (**1 Corinthians 3:12-13**).

David learned this principle by the end of his life. Throughout his life he had

learned that God always tested him to find out what was in his heart, and what his motive was in his actions. David instructed his son to "...acknowledge the God of your father, and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts" (**1**

Chronicle 28:9a).

Be thankful that God has called you to a purpose on this earth. Be grateful for your salvation in Jesus Christ and the power God has given you through His Holy Spirit. As you start a new day, "run straight toward the goal to win the prize that our God's heav-

enly call offers in Christ Jesus" (**Philippians 3:14**).

May you have a clear mind, a pure heart, and even a touch of wisdom to do what is good and right and productive this day

May your life and work glorify God and be pleasing in His sight. In the name of Jesus.

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cused fields of study.

So far, 58 DISD students have received the scholarships, now topping \$1.1 million – funded by Deloitte partners, principals and professionals in North Texas.

The NTPGA also employs two Fairway to Success recipients as interns each summer. It furthers the intern's golf education that began on their high school campuses through Fairway to Success.

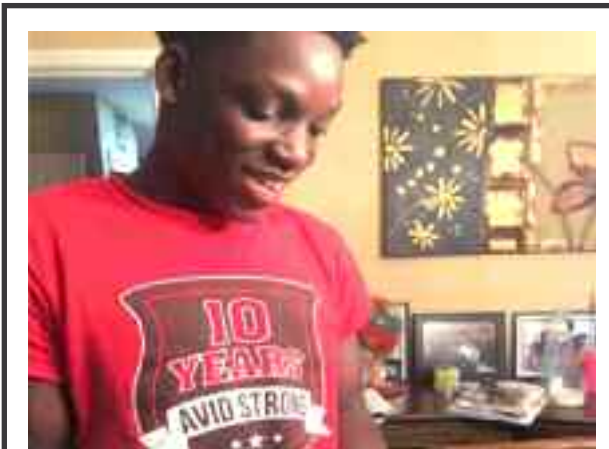
"The Fairway to Success Scholarship program goes the extra mile to provide more than just an opportunity to go to college. The program gives all seniors, who choose it, the opportunity to gain mentorship, learn to play golf, and grow as a student", said Sandi Massey, Principal of Thomas Jefferson High School.

Naomi can be found spending her free time reading if she is not working,

studying or being involved in school activities. She currently serves as the class President for Lincoln High School. Naomi is very involved with the radio/TV program at Lincoln and serves as a videographer for the soccer and baseball teams.

Her responsibilities as the head media producer is to film, edit, and produce quality video footage. She has participated on the academic decathlon team junior and senior year, winning gold medals in multiple categories.

Naomi has interned at the Dallas Public Library, as well as at Oncor Electric Delivery. She is currently working at a local YMCA in the child watch program. Naomi will be attending the University of North Texas at Denton as a first generation college student and plans to study public relations.



Devin Previlon, excited as he admired the TrueColor Band-Aids for people of color to match his skin, it was brought to the Race Reconciliation meeting at Redeemer Church in Carrollton on Frankford Road, lead by Pastor Dieula.

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: *Becoming a Veterinarian* inspires young animal lovers

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The minute the doctor walked into the room, you felt a sense of relief.

Soon, the pain will be gone and you might finally get some rest. You could even have a name for the illness causing all these problems. Soon, your ailing pet will feel better, life will return to normal and in “*Becoming a Veterinarian*” by Boris Kachka, you’ll see what goes into the making of an animal doctor.

Who wouldn’t want to cuddle puppies and kittens for work? Who could resist watching the birth of a calf or a litter of piglets? Not you, so



you’ve been considering becoming a veterinarian but first, forget those sugary images. Says Boris Kachka, being a vet means “years of training, high debt, relatively low pay, [and] frequent eu-

thanasia...” It also means long hours and, though you might think you’ll spend all your time with animals, there are people involved, too.

To find out what real veterinarians think of their jobs, Kachka visited with vets from around the country. The first thing he learned is that today’s “typical” veterinarian is a woman who graduated with the same amount of debt as a “human doctor”, but she’ll make a fraction of an M.D.’s salary. She may be a general veterinarian who cares for all sizes and types of animals, or she could specialize in any number of ways. Her workplace might be in a

traditional clinic with rotating on-call status, or she may work at a large-city ER or a site within a retail store. She might also be an entrepreneur with her own office; a mobile clinic; or a battered, well-stocked pickup truck.

“Veterinarians,” says Kachka, “are as varied as the animals they rescue...”

Each of those above situations has benefits and flexibility, but there are downsides: aside from fierce competition for college acceptance, one study showed that veterinarians suffered exceedingly high rates of burnout, suicide, and depression.

So is becoming a veterinar-

ian worth all that? Most of Kachka’s subjects thought so, but they also mentioned cautions...

All your life, you’ve had animals around. You love puppies and kittens, horses and llamas. But are you ready for the good and the bad of working with them? Find out by reading “*Becoming a Veterinarian*.”

Beware, though, that this book may reveal that you don’t have what it takes. Indeed, author Boris Kachka gives readers plenty of chances to talk themselves out of taking a path that’s long and arduous but rewarding, and he does it through inter-

views gotten during hours of surgery, field calls, and clinic appointments. These case studies read like quick-paced fiction (although very un-Herriot-like), and appear to be well-representative of the field, although Kachka is sometimes unforgiving of his subjects’ habits.

Still, this books’ true-life tales should thrill the right student-to-be – whether she’s 16, and heading to college for the first time; or he’s 40, and craving a career change. For the pet lover, “*Becoming a Veterinarian*” is an enjoyable read but for a future vet, its honesty may offer a sense of relief.

“Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.”

-- Stevie Wonder

By Sen. Royce West (D-Dallas)



The celebration of Mother’s Day can be a very emotional one. For some, this will be their first celebration as a mother, while for others it will be their first or one of many commemorations since the passing of their mother, grandmother, godmother, special aunt, or that female nurturer.

I am blessed to be able to pick up the phone and hear my mother’s voice, or drive over to visit. It’s special for me because she is the light of my life. She brings joy and shares words of wisdom.

As the matriarch of four generations, Gloria Ashford continues to be a source of inspiration and voice of reason; navigating our family as we evolve and her contributions to society will be her legacy.

In celebration of Mother’s Day, I salute my mother; my super intelligent, beautiful, and compassionate wife, Carol; and all mothers, whether by birth, surrogate, or adoption.

However, as a legislator; it’s not enough for me to say Happy Mother’s Day, if I am not ensuring that everything possible is done to bring

those wishes to fruition, or taking care of mothers/women.

Many of our mothers are elderly residents in nursing homes. My legislation expanded the list of criminal offenses that bar employment at nursing facilities. It also required owners and employees of nursing homes to report all observed instances of abuse and neglect to health officials and law enforcement.

And grandmothers have always been an integral part of the familial structure. Grandmothers were who everyone looked to in our villages, communities and neighborhoods to cure, discipline, educate, and love; when no one else could or would.

In recent times, more and more grandparents, primarily grandmothers, are taking on the responsibility of being the primary caretaker of their grandchildren. In many instances limited and fixed incomes can be stretched to the breaking point. That’s why I passed legislation giving a one-time financial grant of \$1,000 to any person over 50

For our mothers...

caregiving for their grandchildren. I know that in today’s economic environment, \$1,000 is not a windfall, but it is a start as we continue to call attention to issues and seek respite. That’s why I subsequently created the Permanency Care Assistance program at DFPS, in which a caregiver who assumes legal responsibility for the child can receive between \$400-\$545 per month.

Further, I applauded U.S. Congresswomen Alma Adams (D-NC) and Lauren Underwood (D-IL) for co-launching the Black Maternal Health Caucus because I am also concerned about the disparity as it relates to maternal health and African American women.

Subsequent legislation, introduced by Rep. Adams and Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), and supported by Rep. Eddie

Bernice Johnson (D-TX), recognizes “Black Maternal Health Week” to bring national attention to the maternal health care crisis in the Black community and the importance of reducing the rate of maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women is also significant and necessary as we express our love for mothers.

There are so many issues, like gender wage gap, protec-

tion of female migrants workers, human trafficking, birth control, health insurance and child care, that must be addressed.

If we don’t care about and address those issues, saying “Happy Mother’s Day” is just an empty expression.

Royce West was first elected to the Texas Senate in November 1992. He represents the 23rd Senatorial District.