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A 'New Day in Dallas' begins with the inauguration of the new council at the Winspear

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

The City of Dallas has seen a long campaign process leading up to the election of a new city council. Every problem, grievance and challenge was aired through two rounds of voting to determine which residents would lead the city through another term of governance. This process culminated in the inauguration of Mayor Eric Johnson and the new city council members on Monday.

For the first time, the event was held at the Winspear Opera House, in a ceremony which was open to the public. The program included music performed by local choirs, prayers from representatives of each of the three largest religions in the city, and recognition of outgoing council members. Outgoing Mayor Mike Rawlings had the opportunity to make his final remarks as the leader of city government before passing the baton on to Johnson.

U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas Sam A. Lindsey administered the oath of office. Then City of Dallas Administrative Judge Preston Robinson administered the oath of office to incoming council members Chad West, Adam Medrano, Casey Thomas, II, Car-



Eric Johnson gives his first remarks as the Mayor of Dallas after officially taking the oath of office on June 17. Johnson pledged to usher in a new era of civility at city hall, as well as ending corruption and restoring the relationship between the city and the public. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

olyn King Arnold, Jaime Resendez, Omar Narvaez, Adam Bazaldua, Tennell Atkins, Paula Blackmon, B. Adam McGough, Cara Mendelsohn, Jennifer S. Gates and David Blewett. Lee M. Kleinman was unable to attend the ceremony.

Johnson was then able to address the city for the first time as the new mayor. He began by conveying his appreciation for being given the opportunity to lead the city he grew up in.

"I've known for a long time that

public service would be my life's work, and I'm grateful to the people of Dallas for allowing me to serve as their mayor," Johnson said accepting his new role.

Johnson moved to put an exclamation point on the end of a political process which saw some heated races and sharp divisions not only among candidates running for office, but within the local voting public.

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People In The News...



Dr. Paulette R. Dillard



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NDG Quote of the Week: "I freed a thousand slaves I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves."

-- Harriet Tubman

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard

By Stacy M. Brown,
NNPA Correspondent

After the pomp and circumstance that greeted the official announcement of Dr. Paulette R. Dillard taking the helm at Shaw University, she settled into her office to continue to put in motion her primary objectives for the historically black college.

“The major objective that we have here at Shaw is to make sure that we create the relevance for Shaw that, in what we do, answers that question that keeps surfacing and that causes every



HBCU president to bristle – and that is, ‘Are we still relevant,’” Dillard told NNPA Newswire.

On May 2, Dillard formally received investiture as the liberal arts school’s 18th president.

She received the ceremonial mace, the custom President’s Medallion, and presidential regalia after a “Women Who Lead” Awards Luncheon in Shaw’s historic Estey Hall.

The luncheon honored Dillard, North Carolina Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, Dallas Mavericks CEO Cynthia Marshall, and McDonald’s owner/operator Deborah Holder.

The celebration culminated with a performance by Dillard’s friend, Grammy Award-winner, Peabo Bryson.

“We want to adapt the university so that it’s clear what its relevance continues

to be,” Dillard said. That means that, given the challenges of higher education — and HBCUs in particular — we have to make sure that the education we’re providing transforms the lives of the students that we have,” she said.

Dillard continued:

“The curriculum must be more robust and we have to find a way to fund education that’s so critical for these young people so that the two primary objectives we have right now are to identify sources of funding that guarantee every child that wants a college education can have one, and do so without incurring a moun-

tain of debt.”

A Mount Airy, North Carolina native, Dillard graduated from Barber-Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina. She holds a Masters of Business Administration from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee and a Masters of Science in Biology from Tennessee State University.

Dillard earned her Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Clark Atlanta University.

Dillard has held senior leadership positions at GlaxoSmithKline, Quest Diagnostics and Clark Atlanta University’s Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development.

“Neither of my parents were college graduates, so I’m the first college graduate in my immediate family although my sister became a great educator,” Dillard said.

“But that wasn’t my path. It was really science... I wanted to be a researcher and I wanted to work in labs so that’s what I majored in and that’s what I did for 25 years,” she said.

However, as she excelled in Science, Dillard said she found herself consistently being promoted into administrative roles and, in her personal life, she had been a

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Lt.j.g. Isaiah Holloway

By Chief Mass
Communication Specialist
Bill Steele, Navy Office of
Community Outreach

KIEL, Germany – Lt. j.g. Isaiah Holloway, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, is participating in the Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) exercise with 18 other nations.

“This is my first BALTOPS, I’m looking forward to it,” said Holloway. “I’m the auxiliary officer onboard. I take care of anything to do with hydraulic oil, like steering equipment, the anchor windlass, elevators, and so



CMC2 Christopher Roys

forth. It should be normal ops during BALTOPS; I’m just making sure my guys are ready.”

BALTOPS 2019, scheduled for June 8-21, includes sea, air and land assets. The

multi-national exercise provides a unique training opportunity that fosters cooperative relationships critical to ensuring safety at sea and security on the world’s interconnected oceans. According to U.S. Navy officials, it is designed to improve training value for participants, enhance flexibility and interoperability, and demonstrate resolve among allied and partner forces in defending the Baltic Sea region.

Holloway is a surface warfare officer aboard the USS Fort McHenry, stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

Fort McHenry is a Whidbey Island-class dock landing

ship named for Fort McHenry in Baltimore, the 1814 defense of which inspired The Star-Spangled Banner. Whidbey Island class ships have the largest capacity for landing crafts of any U.S. Navy amphibious platform.

Holloway credits his success in the Navy to lessons he learned growing up in Fort Worth.

“I learned about being honest and being upfront,” he said. “Back home everyone is sort of like that; nobody beats around the bush. I learned how to be humble there and it’s helped a lot in my career.”

BALTOPS 2019 was

planned and is being led by U.S. 2nd Fleet (C2F), as directed by U.S. Naval Forces Europe. C2F was re-established last summer as a response to the changing security environment, and BALTOPS 2019 marks the first time the renewed fleet will be operating in Europe.

Commander, C2F, Vice Adm. Andrew “Woody” Lewis, will lead the exercise on behalf of U.S. Naval Forces Europe.

“As you all are aware, U.S. 2nd Fleet will be leading the exercise, but make no mistake, it will be founded on NATO and partner principles,” said Lewis. “Through

BALTOPS 2019 and exercises like it, we strengthen our relationships and improve overall coordination and interoperability between allies and partners during both peace and times of conflict.”

The exercise will begin in Kiel, Germany, with the pre-sail conference. At-sea training will occur throughout the Baltic Sea, including events scheduled near Putlos, Germany; Saaremaa Island, Estonia; Riga, Latvia; Klaipeda, Lithuania; and Ravlunda, Sweden. At the end of the exercise, most participating

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

What are teenagers buying fake IDs for?

Well said, teenagers whether they are in Texas or at any place utilize such IDs to get access to the events where they are not allowed means illegally. Perhaps, they do offer some sort of assistance but in a end they labelled as illegit so have to be caution

-- Alex

Texas Comptroller’s Office Complicates Finding Unclaimed Funds

We’ve been trying for 2

years to get unclaimed money. They keep wanting one more document or 1 more step. It is ridiculously difficult to navigate.

-- Susan Cockrell

Texas Senate votes to eliminate two unpopular traffic enforcement programs

I think the DRP served a good purpose. Habitual offenders deserve more punishment and this was fitting. Okay with the cameras, They didn’t bother me one way or the other. I never run a red light any-

way.

-- J. Cooley

Ed Gray, NDG Senior Columnist: Decision time for the 2019 Dallas Mayoral Race

This city cant afford to have the same people navigate city hall It needs a new leadership and Scott Griggs will do that. No more waste – no more secret meetings. We need a new kind of mayor.

-- Chanda

A new chapter begins for Dallas

with the election of Eric Johnson as mayor

Congratulations Mr. Johnson , forget about the little people. Look down the hill. Fmosley homeless with a job.

-- Flavor Mosely

I hope he does a good job for the people of Dallas and not just for the wealthy Republicans who bankrolled much of his campaign.

--Vicki Hill

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Whose Lives Matter? Our Lives Matter!

By Michaela Purdue Lovegood

(Trice Edney Wire) Twenty years ago, I was a director of youth programs for a subsidiary organization of the Chicago Housing Authority. I ran after-school, GED and job training programs for Black youth living in the city’s public housing.

In the three years that I ran these programs, there were four times when I supported young poor, Black women in their choice to get abortions. Two of those pregnancies were the results of rape – one was by a family member. Under the oppressive laws now being pushed through state legislatures, these procedures may become illegal.

I helped these young women because what was on the line for all of them was their dignity: they would lose or delay their ability to finish school. Two of these young women would be the first members of their families to go to college. I cared too much about their young lives, I could

not allow that to happen.

These courageous young women had created bright futures for themselves and their families, overcoming extreme challenges of poverty, violence, and exploitation. They all deserved the chance to succeed. Their communities deserved the pride that would come with knowing new possibilities existed for their children and the next generation.

The red-state legislators who now seek to roll back reproductive rights say they are “pro-life.” But I don’t ever hear them asking Black women about their lives. If they did, they would learn a thing or two. And they’d hear many of us express personal conflicts about abortion.

I share these misgivings. But I also felt misgivings when, at 17, I was taught by the United States Army how to fire an M16 semi-automatic rifle, an M60 automatic rifle, an AT4 rocket launcher, how to throw grenades and how to construct and detonate Claymore mines.

At 17, I was too young to vote, but our government had no problem teaching me how to kill.

So many young people, especially poor youth, and Black, brown and queer youth, are trained, even encouraged, to take lives in the name of the United States of America. I can now understand that what I was being asked to do is prepare myself to protect the interests of the wealthy – by killing, and by being ready to sacrifice my own life.

Right-wing legislators crow about protecting the “right to life.” But the color and gender of that life affect its value in our society. What value do we place on a young Black woman’s future or any girl or woman’s future? On her dignity, her potential, her self-confidence, and her reputation in her community? Lawmakers want to reach into our lives and bodies and choose for us.

That’s why so many of us are rattled by this wave of anti-abortion legislation. We are horrified that the

root of this push to control our lives and bodies is to protect economic and political power for the few, who already have far more than they need.

Legislators have no authority over women’s bodies. Most of us know that; many of us embody that. Now, as voters and activists, we are in a position where we can do something about it. We have to do something about it.

Whether or not you agree with abortion, no other person should have the right to determine what happens to your body or even to the life inside of your body against your will or agency.

Michaela Purdue Lovegood is the field director and co-creator of the Political Healers program at People’s Action, a national network of grassroots groups. For more than 20 years, through training, organizing and healing justice, she has worked to eradicate racial, gender, and economic injustice, particularly as they impact women, people of color, trans and queer people, and young people.

Donald Trump’s threat of deportations will affect Texans

AUSTIN – In a late-night tweet on Monday, President Trump stated that U.S. Immigration agents are planning to make millions of arrests starting as early as “next week”. This announcement comes despite his knowledge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s inability to carry out such a plan and is only meant to stoke fear within an already-vulnerable immigrant community.

Texas, which is home to the second-largest population of immigrants in the country, could see entire communities torn apart and thousands of families separated if Trump goes through with his cruel plan. Nearly 10 percent of all Texans live with at least one undocumented family member, that

includes more than 1 million children.

Mario Carrillo, State Director of America’s Voice Texas, issued the following statement: “Tearing families apart at our border clearly isn’t evil enough for Donald Trump, so now he is threatening to use his deportation force to go town by town destroying families and communities in an effort to make a shrinking base of hardline immigration opponents happy. Unsurprisingly, Trump is sending a loud and desperate signal that his 2020 reelection, which launches tonight in Florida, will be focused on attacking immigrants again.

“It’s unfortunate that our Republican elected officials, like John Cornyn who will be on the ticket with

Trump in 2020, will not stand up to Trump’s terrorizing tactics. Trump’s plan will stoke fear in millions of Texas families with undocumented immigrants, and it will undermine entire cities and communities who long have relied on the work of immigrants, documented or otherwise. Trump is a hypocrite when it comes to immigration and his treatment of immigrants, he himself should understand communities’ reliance on the hard work of undocumented workers given that Trump himself and his businesses have profited from the labor of undocumented workers for decades.

“As last year’s Texas election results signal, our state’s voters are demanding that our leaders not

cover to Trump’s cruel demands or be a rubber stamp for Trump’s divisiveness. Instead, we’re looking for leaders who will work towards protecting immigrants in our state, bringing Texans together to solve problems. We want leaders who understand that our growing diversity is our strength and will lead the way forward during Trump’s cruel reign.”

Follow Mario Carrillo and America’s Voice: Texas on Twitter: @_mariocarrillo_ and @AmericasVoice. America’s Voice: Texas– Harnessing the power of American voices and American values to win common sense immigration reform (www.americasvoice.org).

High blood medicine may hold promise for Alzheimer's disease

Seeking new treatments to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease, researchers found the blood pressure drug nilvadipine increased blood flow to the brain's memory and learning center among people with Alzheimer's disease without affecting other parts of the brain, according to new research in the American Heart Association's journal *Hypertension*.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia. The risk for the disease increases with age and the causes are largely unknown. Previous research has shown that blood flow to the brain declines in early Alzheimer's disease.

These findings indicate that the known decrease in cerebral blood flow in patients with Alzheimer's can be reversed in some regions. However, an important question is whether this ob-



American Heart Association

served increase in cerebral blood flow translates to clinical benefits, the authors note.

Nilvadipine is a calcium channel blocker used to treat high blood pressure. Researchers sought to discover whether nilvadipine could help treat Alzheimer's disease by comparing the use of nilvadipine and a placebo among people with mild to moderate

Alzheimer's disease. Researchers randomly assigned 44 participants to receive either nilvadipine or a placebo for six months. Neither researchers nor the participants knew who received the drug or the placebo that was evenly divided among the two groups. At the study's start and after six months, researchers measured blood flow to specific regions of the brain using a

unique magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technique.

Results showed that blood flow to the hippocampus – the brain's memory and learning center – increased by 20% among the nilvadipine group compared to the placebo group. Blood flow to other regions of the brain was unchanged in both groups.

"This high blood pressure treatment holds promise as it doesn't appear to decrease blood flow to the brain, which could cause more harm than benefit," said study lead author Jurgen Claassen, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor at Radboud University Medical Center in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. "Even though no medical treatment is without risk, getting treatment for high blood pressure could be important to maintain brain health in patients with Alzheimer's dis-

ease."

Researchers note that sample sizes were too small and follow-up time too short to reliably study the effects of this cerebral blood flow increase on structural brain measures and cognitive measures.

Study participants were screened between 2013 and 2015 as part of a larger research project comparing nilvadipine to placebo among more than 500 people with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease (average age 73, more than half female and most were Caucasian).

In that larger project, effects on cerebral blood flow were not measured. Overall, no clinical benefit was noted with the use of nilvadipine. However, a subgroup of patients with only mild symptoms of disease did show benefit, in the sense of a slower decline in

memory.

Previous studies have hinted that high blood pressure treatment could reduce the risk of developing dementia. The authors think that beneficial effects on brain blood flow could explain part of this effect.

The study is one of a few to use this MRI technique to probe the effects of treatment on cerebral blood flow, making additional research critical. In addition, the small number of participants of similar race and ethnicity mean that the results may not apply to other populations.

"In the future, we need to find out whether the improvement in blood flow, especially in the hippocampus, can be used as a supportive treatment to slow down progression of Alzheimer's disease, especially in earlier stages of disease," Claassen said.

Richardson planning free yoga class for International Yoga Day

Yoga lovers are invited CityLine as they partner with Reef Point Yoga on International Day of Yoga for a free outdoor class Friday, June 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This event, which is designed for all levels and open to children, will take place in

the CityLine Plaza, located at 1150 State Street. Participants are encouraged to experience the freedom of practicing outside in a fun, family-friendly environment. The class is led by certified instructors from Reef Point Yoga. The yoga will be

set to live music by Stefanie Tovar.

"CityLine is excited to partner with Reef Point Yoga for an event open to all ages. There are plenty of restaurant options once yoga has concluded, so bring the family and enjoy a night out,"

said Jessica Robertson, director of marketing at CityLine.

International Day of Yoga began in 2015 and has since gained momentum. Each year, more local and national events are centered around taking part in the worldwide

celebration. Yoga boasts benefits such as increased flexibility, strength and mind-body awareness.

Complimentary parking is located at the CityLine garages and along State Street. First-time attendees need to complete a waiver,

which can be completed and submitted online or on-site before the class. Please arrive 15 minutes early to park, complete registration and set up your mat. Classes are weather permitting, so be sure to check the CityLine Facebook page for updates.

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Sunday school teacher and a youth director.

"I did that and after 25 years it was time to give back," Dillard said. "I decided that I wanted to teach and I had a desire to use myself as a role model for young people to show that you could attend an HBCU

like many others and you can go on to have a career of your dreams," she said.

Joseph N. Bell, Jr., the chairman of Shaw's board of trustees said the board believes Shaw's performance to date, including her term as interim president, "has demonstrated that she is

committed to the transformative education process and more than qualified to lead Shaw University into this next era of excellence."

Dillard said she's thankful and committed to intentional leadership of Shaw University as "we continue to grow as an institutional leader in the Raleigh community and globally

abroad."

"Shaw University is the place that, when you step on this campus, you are a known entity and we have this belief that every individual who comes here, we have a commitment to make sure that we address your needs as a student – meaning the whole person not just your academic journey."

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ships will sail to Kiel, Germany, to participate in the Kielerwochen Festival (Kiel Week).

Allied nations with ships and forces participating in BALTOPS 2019 include Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Latvia,

Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. NATO partner nations Finland and Sweden will also participate in the exercise.

Serving in the Navy means

Holloway is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a mar-

itime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

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The work does not directly involve the High Five, but it is nearby. (Photo: austrini)

Eastbound LBJ nightly closures began Tuesday

There will be several eastbound closures taking place during the next two weeks. These nightly closures began on Tuesday, June 18 and will last until Monday, June 24, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Please see below for a list of closures to be performed:

Tuesday, June 18, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Three right lanes on eastbound I-635 between Marsh Lane and Midway will be closed. • The en-

trance ramp from eastbound I-635 after Marsh will be closed. • The exit ramp from eastbound I-635 to Midway will be closed.

Wednesday, June 19, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Three right lane closures on eastbound I-635 between the Dallas North Tollway and Preston Road. The entrance ramp after Midway Road to eastbound I-635 will be closed.

Thursday, June 20, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Three left lanes on eastbound I-635 from Monfort to Preston Road will be closed.

Monday, June 24, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Three right lanes on eastbound I-635 from Josey Lane to Marsh Lane will be closed. • The exit ramp from eastbound I-635 to Marsh will be closed.

This work is weather permitting.

Updated closure information is posted on Twitter (@LBJExpress) and Facebook (facebook.com/thelbjexpress).

This work is part of the \$2.6 billion LBJ Express project, which began in 2011 and was completed in September 2015, included the reconstruction of expanded frontage lanes and main lanes, as well as the addition

of bypass lanes and TEXpress managed lanes along IH 635 between Luna Road and Greenville Avenue and IH 35E between Loop 12 and Valley View Lane in Dallas.

This expansive reconstruction project is successfully alleviating traffic congestion along one of the busiest highway corridors in the state, with as many as 250,000 cars traveling the stretch daily.

DFW residents near entertainment venues can rent their driveway

DFW drivers will soon have a easier way to park near the metroplex's hottest events and areas thanks to startup FanSpotz, LLC (www.fanspotz.com) expanding to Texas. FanSpotz, a peer-to-peer mobile parking app that began in Arkansas, is introducing its crowd-sourcing solution to Dallas and surrounding areas just in time for summer concerts, Fourth of July events, rodeos and festivals.

FanSpotz connects "fans," concert and event goers looking for parking, with "hosts," property owners with spots to rent. It's been billed as the "Airbnb of parking."

1. Owners list their available parking spots and set their price.

2. Fans browse availability, including price, and reserve a spot that suits their location needs and budget.

3. The app uses their de-



vice's default map to direct them to the spot.

Secure payments are handled within the app, eliminating the need to have or handle cash. Payment is encrypted through Stripe, an industry-leading online transaction service.

Parking places can be promoted, and spots can be

reserved, up to weeks in advance.

"We're excited to make FanSpotz available to DFW event goers," said Shauna Bowen, co-founder and chief executive officer. "We know the most stressful part of attending any major event is trying to find a parking spot that is convenient and affordable."

According to Bowen, FanSpotz plans city-by-city rollouts to build solid bases of hosts and fans.

The startup offers a dual value proposition:

- FanSpotz helps people easily find parking close to events at a price that fits their budget.

- FanSpotz helps property owners near event venues—whether residential or commercial—easily rent their driveway, yard or lot to earn extra money.

"Growing up in Dallas, I've experienced the diffi-

culty of finding parking near concerts, festivals and sporting events," said Steven Zapata, co-founder and chief customer officer. "FanSpotz makes event parking hassle-free. We also make it easy to join the sharing economy and capitalize on upcoming events."

"We're immediately seeking property owners to become hosts. List a price for your spot and when it's reserved, the full amount will

be credited to your bank account.

To get started, download the FanSpotz app, choose "host," list your spots and start earning."

The FanSpotz app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

FanSpotz has solved capacity issues and parking surges since its pilot during the 2017-18 Razorback football season. It quickly expanded from sporting

events to serve concerts, festivals and a wide variety of events.

The startup is comprised of five Fortune 1 retail veterans with senior-level experience in technology, operations, marketing, strategy and communications. FanSpotz offers investment opportunities as it continues its national rollout to locations with everyday parking concerns or demand created by events.

Change in bulk and brush schedule for Dallas residents following storms

As a result of heavy storms in June, the City of Dallas' Sanitation Services is asking residents to limit brush/bulk set-outs to storm debris only for the remainder of the month. Additionally, normal Brush and Bulk Service will be suspended in July so that crews can focus on storm debris collection. Only storm debris will be collected in July. The City also requests that residents place tree debris, branches or

shrubbery separate from other storm debris such as damaged fence panels or bagged storm debris.

Clean tree and green waste may be collected separately and taken to temporary processing sites nearby to expedite the overall collection process. Mixing or co-mingling storm debris will slow citywide collection efforts.

Code Compliance will not issue citations for storm de-

bris related items, even if they are placed out before the regular cycle. Non-storm related items, such as furniture, appliances and mattresses, are still subject to citation.

Sanitation Services is planning to return to their normal bulk and brush waste schedule in August.

Residents are encouraged to report downed trees, traffic lights and other debris issues to 311.

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DHA scholarships propel North Texas youth to college

(BUSINESS WIRE) Opportunity Rising, the education foundation for DHA, Housing Solutions for North Texas, awarded 22 North Texas students with college scholarships at their Opportunity Rising Foundation Scholarship Awards Banquet recently.

The scholarship recipients will attend Texas Christian University, University of North Texas, Tarleton State University, The Art Institute of Dallas, Texas A&M University, University of Miami, The University of Texas at Dallas, University of Houston, Texas Southern University, Southern University and A&M College, Hardin-



Opportunity Rising Awards Townview School of Business TOP scholarship award winner Joshua Jernigan and DHA CEO Troy Broussard (Courtesy Photo)

Simmons University, and Sam Houston State University.

In 22-years DHA's education foundation (previously known as the Phoenix Foundation) has awarded nearly

\$1.5 million in scholarships to high school graduates & returning college students - all of whom are DHA affordable housing residents throughout North Texas. Opportunity Rising assists its

participating students with scholarships, internships, mentorships, and other learning opportunities.

"DHA, our board of commissioners, and our staff are immensely proud of each of our Opportunity Rising scholars," said Troy Broussard, president, and CEO of DHA. "Providing solutions for our residents to become more self-sufficient and attain their goals for a college degree is a long-term solution to combating poverty. At Opportunity Rising and DHA, we encourage academic excellence, high self-esteem, positive self-image, leadership and community involvement among our

families. Our scholars remind us that perseverance and support can truly be a formula for success."

Based on historical data, 71% of the previous Opportunity Rising Foundation scholars were first-generation college students and 76% were able to move on to employment and no longer receiving government assistance.

Scholarship recipients are from the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, School of Business and Management, School of Education and Social Services, Duncanville High School, Newman Smith High

School, South Oak Cliff High School, Plano Senior High School, Plano West Senior High School, Grand Prairie Collegiate Institute, Mansfield Legacy High School, Cedar Hill High School, and Life High School Waxahachie.

Separately, DHA client and former Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy student, Oliyadi Girma, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (TXNAHRO) and \$250,000 from Texas Christian University (TCU) to attend Fall 2019.

Dallas ISD on-time bus arrival rate climbed to 95 percent in first year

The on-time bus arrival rate increased to 95 percent by the end of the school year, according to a report shared with Dallas ISD trustees on June 13.

Dallas ISD started running its own transportation system for the first time this past school year after Dallas

County residents voted to dissolve Dallas County Schools (DCS), the taxpayer-funded agency that Dallas ISD contracted with to bus students. The average on-time arrival rate under DCS in 2017-2018 was 65 percent.

While Dallas ISD saw

notable transportation improvements this past school year,

Dallas ISD Chief of Operations Scott Layne said the district must do a better job to start the school year. In August, the on-time arrival rate was 70 percent.

"The start was bumpy,

but we've come a long way since then," Layne said. "While some transportation issues will always come up at the start of the school year—no matter how much we plan and prepare—we are now much better prepared to address those issues."

A mobile app rolling out

will give parents real-time updates on their child's bus and drop-off time. The district will provide bus route access to families at the end of July, rather than the week leading up to school.

Meanwhile, increasing the starting pay to \$20 per hour for bus drivers—and

adding attendance incentives and retention bonuses—has helped eliminate a driver shortage.

"We look forward to continuing to provide a high level of service to families to get students to school on time and ready to learn," Layne said.

Fair Park welcomes 20 interns to inaugural Fair Park Internship Program

Fair Park First and Spectra, managers of Fair Park, recently welcomed 20 high school students from James Madison High School and Lincoln High School to the inaugural Fair Park Internship Program. The annual program will run until Aug. 1.

"One of the pillars of Fair Park First is community involvement. This program will be the cornerstone of that pillar. We're excited to see what this can become," said Darren L. James, President of Fair Park First.

The eight-week program

will involve hands-on training within multiple departments at Fair Park and its resident institutions, including marketing, event planning, operations, sales, corporate partnerships, and guest services. Fair Park First and Spectra will also provide weekly workshops, such as workplace readiness, college preparedness, and resume writing, that will provide useful skills beyond the classroom. Other components of the program include daily lunch provided by local South Dallas caterers and

field trips to local entertainment venues, including AT&T Stadium, the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center and the American Airlines Center.

"Out of all the things that I believe Spectra and Fair Park First have to offer in the new management agreement with Fair Park, promoting community engagement and giving back to the surrounding community are some of the most important. I see that being put into motion with this program, and I'm very excited and proud to partner

with them. What they are doing with the youth is invaluable," said District 7 City Council Member, Adam Bazaldua.

Upon completion of the program, each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to put towards a four-year or two-year college, or a trade school.

"By providing these game-changing opportunities to students of both Lincoln and Madison each summer, Fair Park First and Spectra are signaling a new era at Fair Park and South Dallas," said

Marian Willard, Principal of James Madison High School.

"Through these internships, Fair Park First and Spectra are demonstrating their commitment to being a great neighbor and community partner to the South Dallas community," said Johnna Weaver, Principal of Lincoln High School.

Students went through a rigorous selection process led by Dallas Independent School District (DISD) representatives, which required them to create a resume and write why they wanted to be

a part of the program. Ten students from each school were selected. Fair Park First and Spectra will look to expand the annual summer program to other DISD schools in the Fair Park area in the future.

"When we partnered with Fair Park First, we created goals to provide opportunities to the local community. Our internship program is one of these goals, and we look forward to providing a valuable learning experience," said Peter Sullivan, General Manager of Fair Park.

MLK Center opens a fresh food distribution center in Dallas on Juneteenth

The MLK Fresh Food Distribution Center opened to the public on June 19 during the Juneteenth Celebration to increase access to fresh food in South Dallas and surrounding communities. Sponsored by Leadership Dallas, the distri-

bution center will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, and dry goods to the surrounding community at no cost (while supplies last).

The distribution center will be open each Wednesday

from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

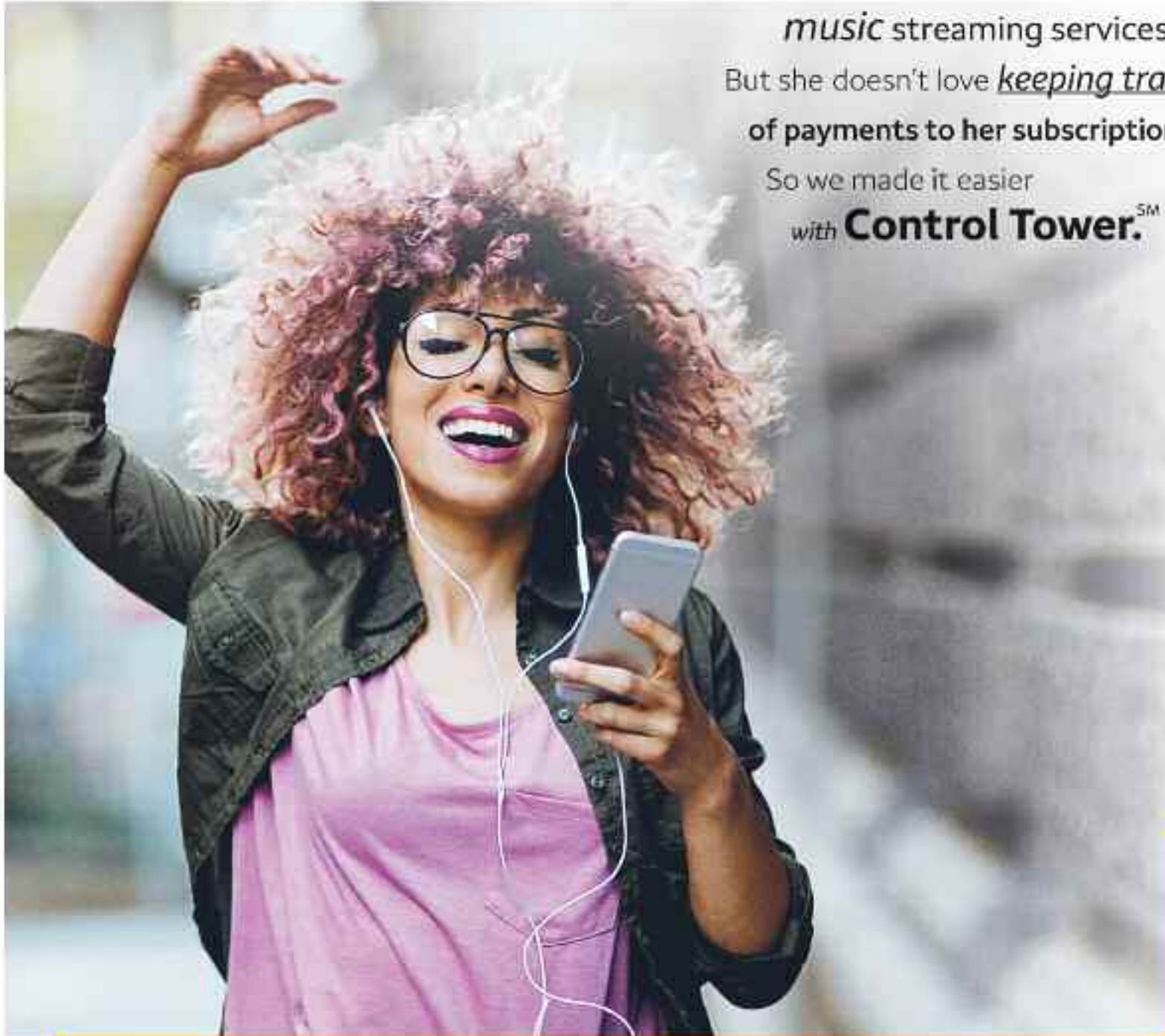
Community partners which helped to set up the distribution center with the MLK Center include Leadership Dallas, the North Texas

Food Bank, Miles of Freedom, Empowering the Masses, Trusted World, Architects Interiors Landscape Planning, Hill & Wilkinson General Contractors, JE Dunn Construction, and Turner 100.



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Dallas

Leis Swim founded by Heidi Leis will celebrate the release of the swimwear line at a launch party on Saturday, June 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Sol House (734 W. Canty St., Dallas, Texas 75208). Guests will have the opportunity to shop the new collection along with jewelry by Dallas-based line Mod+Jo while enjoying light bites and drinks provided by Austin Eastciders. Heidi created her line because she knows the impact good swimwear can have on a



Jerrod Fresquez

woman's confidence. With her keen eye for design and style and drawing inspiration from her native Italy and travels, Leis has created a line that is fashionable yet classic for every body type.

Come out and celebrate **Juneteenth Freedom / Unity Parade** with all of District 10 (Lake Highlands) & Hamilton Park - June 22nd.

They are church and community leaders, original homeowners, and HP Community Partners. The fun will include an Old School vs. New School Line Dance Off. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at the Willie B Johnson Recreation located at 12225 Willowdell Drive.

SOC Community Parks Community Input Meet-

ing all residents and neighborhood champions of the South Oak Cliff area are invited on Saturday, June 29 at 11 a.m. to learn about the new park and contribute your valuable feedback as proud members of the community at 4478 S. Marsalis Avenue, Dallas.

Irving

Join fellow business leaders and executives to hear from Texas State Legislators as they discuss the outcomes from the **86th Texas Legislative Session Update**, touch on specific bills

that passed or failed and the impact of these policies. It's an opportunity to engage in conversation one-on-one with our state elected officials.

Confirmed attendees include Sen. Royce West, Rep. Rafael Anchia, Rep. Jessica Gonzalez, Rep. Julie Johnson, Rep. Terry Meza and more. It will be held on June 27, starting at 4:30 p.m. at the NYLO Dallas/Las Colinas, located at 1001 W Royal Lane in Irving.

Plano

Unleash your super

human powers through blood donations. Plano Fire-Rescue and Plano Police unite with the six Rotary Clubs of Plano for the **Battle of the Badges Community Blood Drive**. Help us defeat the bad guys (life-threatening cancers, burns and accidents).

Join forces with us by rolling up your sleeve June 29 through July 7 at one of 23 locations around Plano. After donating, eat a snack, get a t-shirt and vote for your favorite heroes: Plano Fire-Rescue or Plano Police.

Summertime chill: Rule The Day on National Smoothie (King) Day

Smoothie King offer smoothies crafted to help guests achieve their health and fitness goals and Rule The Day. So why would anyone celebrate National Smoothie Day anywhere else?

More than 1,000 Smoothie King locations from coast to coast will cel-

brate all day Friday, June 21, National Smoothie Day. The goal: To give free smoothies to 1 million Smoothie King fans.

Guests who use their Healthy Rewards app with a purchase of a smoothie on June 21 will have a FREE* 20-ounce smoothie loaded onto their app for use June

22 through June 27. *Limit \$6 value.

"No one makes smoothies like we do, so National Smoothie Day is truly our day," said Smoothie King CMO Rebecca Miller. "But for us, it's not just about giving away free smoothies; it's about fulfilling our promise of nutritionally

supporting our guests' health and fitness goals. It's great that there's a day solely dedicated to smoothies and we can't wait to celebrate with everyone next Friday, June 21, and get the weekend off to a delicious start!"

Smoothie King is committed to blending a more

nutritious smoothie – one without artificial preservatives, flavors, colors or any of the ingredients on its "No No List." Instead of artificial ingredients, its refreshing blends are packed with organic vegetables and non-GMO fruit for nutrient-rich fuel enabling experience-rich lives.

This celebratory offer is available from open to close at all Smoothie King locations system-wide, but only on June 21, so be sure to visit Friday to enjoy your favorite blend before the holiday ends. For the location nearest you, visit smoothieking.com/locations.

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Dallas kicks off Juneteenth with the 31st Texas Black Invitational Rodeo

By: Rachel Hawkins
NDG Contributing Writer

The sound of cheering from hundreds of spectators as they collectively sang 'Old Town Road,' the clomping of horses as they kicked up dirt while the riders chased down calves, and bulls were the main event. The 31st Texas Black Invitational Rodeo kicked off the Juneteenth weekend in Dallas.

Texans and out-of-state visitors watched cowboys and cowgirls from all over the United States compete Saturday night, June 15, at the Fair Park Coliseum.

The rodeo featured 300 African American cowboys and cowgirls, who competed for \$25,000 in prize money.



Cowboys and Cowgirls enter the arena for the Grand Entry Parade (Image: Rachel Hawkins / NDG)

They competed in Ranch Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling (Bull Dogging), Wild Bull Riding, Cowboys Tie Down Rodeo, Ladies Barrel Racing, and a Pony Express Relay Race.

J.R. Searcy, a member of Circle L 5, has been in riding horses, competing in rodeos ever since he was a young child and intramurals in college.

"Getting into rodeos is

something my grandfather did, and my father did," Searcy said. "When I moved here five years ago, I joined Circle L5. Circle L5 is the oldest black riding horse club in the whole state of Texas."

This is J's fifth year participating in this event.

"Rodeo is just part of nature," Searcy said. "Our culture has been involved with this for centuries. Breaking horses during slave time is something slaves would do, but actually, in Africa, that's what they did anyway. It's pretty much just in the blood."

The Circle L 5 Riding Club was founded in 1951, by Ed Landers, and four others. The idea of this club was for Landers, and any black cowboy to ride in any parade or rodeo.

The history of Black Cowboys in America is a lesser known one. According to the Smithsonian, historian estimated one in four cowboys were actually black, but still

to this day they're not featured in the popular narrative.

While ranchers fought in the war, many slaves were forced to learn how to handle horses and cattle.

Even after the Civil War, being a cowboy was one of the only few jobs offered to a man of color.

Presented by the African American Museum, the event started with the annual Cowboys and Cowgirls Grand Entry Parade which held riders, horses, Chief Renee Hall, and Sheriff Marian Brown. The rodeo has served for more than 25 years in Dallas.

Jonathan Brown had been riding bulls for a living for about 20 years, and he

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NDG Entertainment : Kid Friendly Theater, Shakespeare and J Lo in concert

Diary of a Worm, A Spider & A Fly continues this week at the Dallas Children's Theater. Also, parents can take their children to see *Aladdin* at the Dallas Summer Musical's this weekend before the show ends.

The *Shakespeare in the Park* season kicked off this week. The first show of the season is *As You Like It*, which is directed by Elizabeth Kirkland.

The show is scheduled to run until July 19 at Samuell-Grand Amphitheatre. Visit www.prekindle.com/events/shakespearedallas for dates and times. Dog lovers bring Fido for Bark in the Park: on Friday, July 5 to enjoy The Bard with you.

Long before she was Carole King, chart-topping music legend, she was Carol Klein, Brooklyn girl with passion and chutzpah. The musical *Beautiful* on stage at the Winspear Opera House



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through Sunday tells how she fought her way into the record business as a teenager and, by the time she reached her twenties, had the husband of her dreams and a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock 'n' roll. But it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation. Tickets available at attpac.org.

Jennifer Lopez invites fans to have a good at her *It's My Party* Tour. The party gets started at 8 p.m. on Monday June 24 at the American Airlines Center. J Lo released

her new single *Medicine* last month and is on tour promoting her new album.

Jazz at the Muse Juneteenth Jazz Jam presented by the Black Academy of Arts and Letters is set for June 21 and 22.

TICKET ALERT: Dave Koz is back for his latest Summer tour entitled *Summer Horns Tour*. The show this year is July 14 at 3 p.m. at the Music Hall at Fair Park. This years lineup features and all-star cast with Dave Koz leading the way. You can expect to hear the smooth sounds of Gerald Albright, Aubrey Logan, Rick Braun and Kenny Lattimore. Fans will not only be entertained with a wonderful evening filled with sounds from some of today's hottest musicians but will also have the opportunity to purchase a copy of the exclusive tour album. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com.

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NDG Book Review: Little Kids First Big Book of Science

By Terry Schlichenmeyer

Summer has barely started.

You've only been out of school a few days but you're already running out of things to do. Riding your bike is so over. You're tired of playing Tag. Even video games are getting old so maybe it's time for something different. You need "Little Kids First Big Book of Science" by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld.

There's a whole big summer ahead of you, so how are you going to fill it? You could go to the pool again. You could play in the yard. You could run up and down the sidewalk for no reason. Or you could have some fun with science!

No kidding, science is easy. If you go outside, look at a tree, listen to birds, smell the flowers, and have an ice cream cone, you're using science. Next, all you need is curiosity, a notebook and pencil, and someone to help you when you need help.

If you're a kid who loves animals, you'll love science, too. Scientists study creatures as small as bugs,



or as big as whales. They learn about the human body but they also know about rocks. Scientists look at trees, fish, plants, and dinosaurs. They know about the environment and the planets and stars. Since "there are so many kinds of living things" and natural elements on earth and beyond, a scientist "usually chooses one" focus, but you can choose to study anything that runs, swims, grows, crawls, or just sits. Science is a pretty big subject!

If you want to learn to be a good scientist, you'll need to know how to do experiments, which are like tests that answer questions. Where do insects live, for instance? What happens when you boil water? How is it possible that airplanes can fly? Visit your neighborhood. Look for cool

ecosystems while on vacation. Take a peek at the rocks you're walking on and look up at the sky.

Maybe you can predict the weather.

Uh-oh. Maybe you've learned some fun science!

School has been out for how long? and you're already hearing how there's "nothing to do." That's the time to have this book tucked away; "Little Kids First Big Book of Science" offers a great cure for boredom.

Here's a book that pushes STEAM without making your kids' imagination run out of steam. Author Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld carefully attracts children to several branches of science here by pointing out that biology, etymology, geology, and ecology are enjoyable, easy, and that, in fact, most children are probably already using science every day anyhow. For a kid, that makes the subject less scary.

There are activities that will get your child thinking in new directions here, ex-

periments to try, and lots of pictures to spark new ideas. Best of all, this is a book that your 6-to-10-year-old

can enjoy alone, or together with you; the activities invite more experiments and you'll want to join in on a

summer filled with learning, so get "Little Kids First Big Book of Science" and get started.



Tickets still available for Science Of Art event this Friday at The Perot

Ever wanted to explore your creative side in an exclusive and inspiring setting? Adults 21 and up can enjoy a creative night at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, exploring art, architecture and design at Social Science: Science of Art on Friday, June 21, from 7-11 p.m.

Explore color, paint and design as you tap into your creative side in this artfully enlightening evening that includes a look into the human singing voice, crafting, photography, and a live drawing inspired by dinosaur fossils. Plus, catch one of the night's two tours highlighting the Perot Museum's intriguing and award-winning architecture.

Join Museum scientists in

a discussion of dinosaurs' portrayal in pop culture and art, get a choreographic demonstration from the Texas Ballet Theater. In addition, enjoy a giant kaleidoscope, a summer solstice celebration and music by DJ LiteBrite from Radio DJs.

Awaken your senses via the mixologists at Wolfgang Puck with the night's signature cocktail – "Lemonardo Da Vinci."

Tickets are \$20 for members and \$29 for non-members. The Art of the Brick exhibition requires a surcharge.

Guests must be 21 years of age with valid ID. For a full schedule and to purchase your tickets in advance, go to perotmuseum.org.

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America's economy must better serve Black and Latino consumers

By Charlene Crowell

Anyone who works for a living knows that their money goes a lot quicker than the time it takes to earn it. And for low-to-moderate income workers, the costs of everyday living creep higher and quicker than pay raises or cost-of-living adjustments.

These and other kitchen table finance concerns are part of why so many consumers turned to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) for help. Since 2011, CFPB returned \$12 billion to more than 25 million consumers, remediating the harmful effects of unfair and deceptive practices, as well as discrimination in the financial services sector.

But with a change of administration and key personnel in 2017, CFPB's monetary relief to consumers plummeted 96 percent. In real numbers, and according to the Consumer Federation of America (CFA), the leadership change went from average restitution of \$59.6 million per class action to \$2.4 million on average per case. CFA also found that in 2018, the number of CFPB enforcement actions declined to only 11, compared to 55 in 2015.



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This kind of abdication of public duty hearkens back to the pre-foreclosure financial practices that chose high and risky short-term profits over more modest gains and long-term financial stability. Yet a major demographic shift predicted by the Census Bureau may yet change the minds of financial powerhouses in recognition of a new reality: By 2044, the nation will be a majority-minority nation. To put it another way, the profits of major financial institutions will be forced to recognize the untapped opportunities that accompany the growth of Black and Brown Americans.

A new research report, jointly published by UNIDOS US (formerly the National Council of La Raza) and PolicyLink, make the case for financial inclusion. Entitled, *The Future of Banking: Overcoming Bar-*

riers to Financial Inclusion for Communities of Color, depicts America's demographic shift as a new, win-win situation.

"For our nation and its economy to thrive, communities of color must access the opportunities they need to live healthy, economically secure lives and reach their full potential," states the report. "This is no longer just a moral imperative – it is now crucial to the future of the American economy."

I heartily agree.

As people of color emerge as a new and more colorful majority, the financial climate is ripe for an unprecedented level of access and opportunities for consumers. Corporate boards and CEOs alike must reckon with the future before them: just how much commerce they have historically ignored or underserved.

For example, according to

the joint report, nearly 47 percent of Black households, and 43 percent of Latino households are either unbanked or underbanked. Nationwide, 63 million adults are unbanked. More than half of the 96 million people whose household incomes are less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines are also people of color.

Unbanked households are ones in which no one has a checking or savings account. Underbanked connotes that someone in the household has a checking or savings account; but still use high-cost alternative financial services like pawn shops, payday loans, car title loans, and rent-to-own stores.

There are also people whose employers do not offer direct deposit of their paychecks. If these workers do not have a checking account, they are forced to rely on fringe financial services.

"In 2017, the unbanked and underbanked low-to-moderate-income populations, and those with little or no credit history spent more than \$173 billion in fees and interest for alternative financial services," states the report.

Anyone wondering how this huge sum of money could come from the pock-

ets of the working poor and others should remember the loan shark fees charged include a range of predatory lending practices ranging from overdraft fees to payday loans.

If however, Blacks and Latinos were to redirect that same \$173 billion spent on triple-digit interest and fees, imagine how family budgets could improve, and levels of community economic revitalization would not only change but be sustained.

Equally important, it is high time that communities of color began valuing the collective purchasing power already in our hands.

Marisabel Torres, Senior Policy Analyst for UnidosUS, would phrase it another way. "Barriers to financial inclusion prevent people from fully participating in the American economy, and the data shows that minority communities struggle to access traditional banking products and services."

Chris Brown, Director of PolicyLink agreed, adding, "Our findings help illuminate the path forward to banks, fintechs, regulators, and others to collectively begin a race to the top — towards financial inclusion for all — by adequately serving the financial needs of the 63 million people who have

been shoved to the sidelines of our economy."

In order to develop a win-win economic climate, the UNICOS US-PolicyLink report offers several recommendations that include:

A credit rating system that works for all;

Increased products, accessibility and accountability for financial institutions to meet the needs of low-to-moderate income populations; and

Strengthened federal consumer protections for financial products.

"We are pleased to see this report call for stronger enforcement of existing federal consumer protections," noted Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending. "Coupling the proposed actions with more robust enforcement of fair lending laws would be a major change. Additionally, state consumer protections must be preserved. Together these actions can create a more inclusive financial playing field that ends the disparate outcomes produced in today's system."

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Despite tax cut pledge, AT&T cutting over 1,800 American jobs in 24 states

AT&T plans to cut 1,880 American jobs over the next few months, continuing a pattern of drastic cuts to family-supporting jobs in communities across the country. The company began notifying employees that their jobs are at risk right before Father's Day weekend, forcing thousands of working dads and families to spend the holiday figuring out what to do now that they are facing the loss of their paychecks.

AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson was one of the most fervent proponents of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) and said AT&T

would use its tax dollars to create at least 7,000 jobs. But since the tax bill passed, the company has been aggressively eliminating tens of thousands of jobs. Meanwhile, AT&T has received a \$21 billion windfall from the TCJA, slashed capital investments by \$1.4 billion, given hefty pay increases to top executives and did not pay cash income taxes in 2018.

These new cuts come just days after the Communications Workers of America (CWA) issued a series of reports showing AT&T's network in the Midwest is in disrepair even as it is reduc-

ing the number of trained, career employees.

"Instead of celebrating with my children on Father's Day, I had to tell them that their dad may not have a job soon," said Todd Menth, a father of two facing a job cut in Kent, Ohio. "I've worked hard at AT&T for nineteen years and I'm proud of my work. My message to AT&T is that it's not too late to change course, to invest in next-generation networks and keep these good jobs in our community."

The job cut notifications began last Thursday, impacting technicians in the

following states: Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

"Our members work hard to provide quality service here in Houston," said Steve Flores, president of CWA Local 6222. "Our message to AT&T is that it's not too late to change course, to invest in next-generation networks, and to keep these good jobs and our good em-

ployees in our community."

The workers, members of CWA, are in a long-standing battle with the company to ensure that AT&T's tax windfall is used as promised to create jobs and increase wages. Over 14,000 members of CWA in the Midwest, Puerto Rico and in AT&T's national Legacy T unit are in contract negotiations with AT&T, and another 22,000 in the Southeast will begin negotiations this summer.

In addition to this round of cuts, a CWA analysis from May 2019 showed the company has eliminated 23,328 jobs since the TCJA

passed in late 2017, including nearly 6,000 in the first quarter of 2019. At the same time, the company continues to send work to low-wage contractors and overseas. AT&T has closed 44 call centers and eliminated 16,000 call center jobs in the last seven years, with the Midwest region being one of the hardest hit.

Meanwhile, in Puerto Rico, where AT&T workers worked tirelessly to rebuild the AT&T network and help customers after Hurricane Maria, the company is refusing to ensure its two

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Chevrolet gives HBCU students an opportunity to 'Discover the Unexpected'

By Stacy Brown
NNPA Correspondent

Chevrolet and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) have selected six students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities to participate in the 2019 Discover the Unexpected Journalism (DTU) Fellowship.

With the help of NNPA editors and reporters, the Fellows will travel the country to discover and share positive, inspirational and relevant stories from African American communities during their eight-week summer internship.

Chevrolet will award each DTU Fellow a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 stipend. Founded in 1911 in Detroit, Chevrolet is one of the world's largest car brands, doing business in more than 100 countries and selling more than 4 million cars and trucks each year.

A trade association of more than 200 African American-owned community newspapers from around the country, the NNPA has consistently been the voice of the Black community for 77 years.

The organization has been an incubator for news that makes history and, as the

largest and most influential Black-owned media resource in America, the NNPA delivers news, information and commentary to more than 20 million people each week.

For the DTU program, students form two teams of three Fellows each. Each team will have access to an all-new 2019 Chevrolet Blazer during their reporting assignments.

Launched in 2016 and now in its fourth year, the DTU program has awarded more than \$400,000 in scholarships and stipends.

Initially, program participation was limited to students from Howard University, one

of the nation's most prestigious HBCUs.

However, based on the overwhelming response and success of the program, the online submission process was eventually expanded to include students from any of the nation's HBCUs in their sophomore through senior years with an interest in journalism, communications, mass media or visual arts.

Their stories will be featured on the Chevrolet DTU website (www.nnpa.org/chevydtu) and distributed through NNPA's Newswire service throughout the summer.



Chevrolet announced on Friday, June 7 the 2019 Discover the Unexpected Fellows (left to right): Elae Hill (North Carolina A&T), Sharon Joy Washington (Florida A&M), Tyla Barnes (Hampton University), Tedarius Abrams (Bethune-Cookman University), Emami Nichols (Morehouse College) and Miana Massey (Howard University) pictured with the all-new 2019 Chevrolet Blazer. In partnership with the National Newspapers Publishers Association, these young aspiring journalists will embark on an 8-week road trip to discover and share positive stories within African American communities.

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Puerto Rican call centers will stay open. Instead, AT&T recently opened Spanish-language call centers in Mexico that serve the U.S. market.

"Hurricane Maria wreaked havoc on Puerto Rico, and the AT&T workers here played a critical role in making sure people could reach their loved ones," said Daniel Borrero, an AT&T Mobility customer care representative in Puerto

Rico. "Instead of acknowledging our dedication and investing in American jobs in the commonwealth, AT&T seems to be directing Spanish-language work to other countries. After today's news about major job cuts, Puerto Rican workers like me are worried we're next."

AT&T responds to criticism of its massive job cuts with boasts about hiring and by saying that workers have

the option to relocate. But AT&T workers and their union note that hiring to address turnover is not the same as job creation, and relocation options are often hundreds of miles away from workers' homes and families in communities with dramatically higher costs of living, making relocation unviable for the majority of employees. The facts in AT&T's own reports are clear—they have 23,000 fewer people on their payroll than they did at the be-

ginning of 2018.

Economists have been weighing in on how big employers like AT&T are using their increased profits from the tax windfall: "The strongest claim made by proponents of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was that

it would trickle down to aid working families by boosting wages," said Josh Bivens, director of research at the Economic Policy Institute (EPI). "This was never a convincing claim and we can see now just how cynical it was all along:

after lobbying fiercely for a corporate tax cut that put literally billions in their coffers, AT&T is fighting tooth and nail to make sure that they don't have to share any of this new profitability with their workers by committing to invest in good jobs."

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June 24 Catalyst Career Group

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June 25 Women's Veteran event

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June 23, 9:45 am

Please join us in our quiet time, "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship. You will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

June 26, 7 pm

You are invited to join us for Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Bernadette and others as we study a new book by Dr. Henry Cloud, *Never Go Back*, to things that didn't work the first time, with

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June 26

Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study class and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and

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June 23, 10 a.m.

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June 24, 7 p.m.

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June 26, 7 pm

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June 26, 7 pm

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

June 28 and 29 8 am – 10:30 pm

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"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9).

How do you know what thoughts are your thoughts versus God's thoughts? One of the great paradoxes

of walking with God is discerning the difference between a "natural idea" versus a "God-idea."

Make certain that your ideas and the actions you take are directed by God and not from your own reasoning. There is a constant rub between the "natural" and the "spiritual."

There are only three places from which a thought or idea originate: 1) The natural man. 2) Satan. 3) The Holy Spirit.

There are a few ways to discern from which place a thought is coming. If a thought comes into your mind that you know you would never have thought



(Left to right) Gloria Foster Kirven, Joe Kirven, Dora Belle Freeman Mack, Clarissa Banks, Emma Kimble Turner, Sylvester Collier, Lois Warrior Newborn, and Clarence Clay celebrate a reunion of the Booker T. Washington Class of 1949 class reunion.

of, and it might be something you would not nor-

mally consider doing. This is likely God speaking.

Imagine a conference that is a poorly organized event and an offering is needed to make up being short on funds.

It can easily be a case of poor management. You pray then you think about giving a token gift. But, the figure that suddenly comes into your mind is \$1,000. You argued with God and struggled with your attitude.

You think that God must surely have two zeros out of place! But you must obey, because you know that it was not initially your idea.

In order to be obedient, we must not make advance

decisions about a particular matter. Each of our decisions must be submitted to the Lord for His counsel to us, not just based on our reasoning.

When you are going through tough times, don't get upset about it, think about Joseph and all that he went through, and then see where that led him.

Understand that God has a plan for us in all that happens. Pray that your outcome will be a "Joseph outcome," so that you will accomplish God's purpose.

Ask God to help you do what is necessary and to use your gifts and talents for His eternal Kingdom.

One man's joke is another man's discount

By Dr. James L. Snyder

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were dining out at a very nice restaurant. We had been on the road for two days and were weary of travel. At least, I was.

The waitress came, graciously took our order and then brought back the bread for us to begin our lunch.

I picked up the knife to cut some of the bread and I dropped it on my right forefinger. There was a little cut there and so I squeezed it to get as much blood out as I possibly could.

My wife looked at me shaking her head and said, "What in the world are you doing?"

Then I saw the waitress

heading for our table. When she got to the table I said, "I cut myself and it hurts so much."

She shook her head and said, "Your finger's okay, I saw you using it as I was coming to your table."

"But look at the blood," I complained, "can I get a discount?"

Still shaking her head, she walked away from the table.

I got my handkerchief out of my back pocket, made a little sling for my finger and attached it to my shirt. There I was with my finger in that little sling as though I had hurt it very badly.

As the waitress came to our table again she stopped, looked at my finger in the sling and burst out laughing.

I said in such a dreary voice, "Does this qualify for a discount?"

My wife looked at me, shook her head and said, "I can't take you anywhere."

Eventually the waitress came back with our ticket and said, "When my manager heard your story he broke down laughing. Nobody has ever tried this in this restaurant before."

I smiled; I like to hear things like that. Then she said something that really surprised me.

"The manager said that I could give you a 10% discount for your pain and suf-

fering in our restaurant."

I took a picture of that ticket to make sure I would not forget that sometimes one person's joke can equal a good discount.

You never know what's going to work until you try it. If it does not work, okay, move on to the next joke.

People take things so seriously these days. Then there are those people who laugh at the wrong things. I need a balance in my life and I know that laughter is like medicine to the soul. It just depends what I am laughing at or who.

One of my favorite Bible

passages is found in the book of Proverbs. Solomon wrote the Proverbs and is known as the wisest man that ever lived. He wrote, "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is bro-

ken" (Proverbs 15:13).

I have a responsibility to help stir up and give people a merry heart.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

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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“Dallas voters did more than cast a vote on June 8,” Johnson said. “They cast a vision. They made a clear choice about who they want to be and where they want to go. And our vision in the coming years is going to be to fulfill this vision for our city. To create a brighter future and to build an even better Dallas, a Dallas that works for every person, in every neighborhood. I promised the people of Dallas that I would seek consensus as mayor, and I will. I pledge that our new city council will unite to find common ground, and common sense solutions to our problems. And we must.”

There was a thunderous round of applause when Johnson declared, “I’m here to tell you all that campaign

season is officially over.” He then pledged that his administration would see a new “culture of civility” at city hall.

Johnson addressed the scandals which have recently plagued city hall, saying he was dedicated to ending corruption in local government. He also promised to find solutions for the current law enforcement issues, both with financial and morale issues within the police department as well as the problems which exist between law enforcement and minority communities within the city.

Moving the city forward, Johnson said it is time to embrace new technology, and promote “data-driven policy-making.” He advocated harnessing the power

of technology to better provide services to Dallas residents. Johnson also said the new city council would be supportive of both schools and skills development in Dallas. He said one of his goals was to make Dallas “the education and workforce capital of Texas.”

The program concluded with a performance by the Mountain View Church of Christ Choir and a benediction from Reverend Dr. M.L. Curry of New St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. With the commencement of the ceremony, the authority and responsibility of city government was passed into new hands until the next election cycle.



(Top Right) Outgoing Mayor Mike Rawlings (at right) officially handed over the reins of Dallas city leadership to Mayor Eric Johnson (at left) at a public ceremony held at the Winspear Opera House on June 17

(At Right) It was a near-capacity crowd at the Winspear as the Sunset High School JROTC presented colors at the beginning of the ceremony.

(At Left) Attendees to the Dallas City Council inauguration event were welcomed by a combined musical performance of the South Dallas Choir and the Dallas Metroplex Musicians Junior Choir.

(Below Right) Sandy Greyson (left) is recognized by outgoing mayor Mike Rawlings for having spent more time on council than anyone else in the city’s history.

(Bottom Left) Eric Johnson (left) is sworn into the office of Dallas Mayor by U.S. Dist. Judge Sam A. Lindsay (right).

(Below) Dallas Judge Preston Robinson (foreground) administers the oath of office to the members of the incoming Dallas City Council. (NDG Photos by David Wilfong)



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started when he was 12.

“My stepdad, he rode bulls, so when he and my mom started talking, he put me on, and I wanted to try myself anyways, so I’ve been riding since then,” Brown said.

“I like the competition and the adrenaline,” Brown said. “It’s a gamble competing against the other guys.”

I’m very competitive. I’ve been riding here (Texas

Black Invitational Rodeo) since I was 17 years old.

Many historians to this day still question if the name “Cowboy” comes from the slave cow herders.

One of the most famous African American rodeo cowboys is Bill Pickett. Pickett invented the “bull-dogging” technique, in which he would jump from his horse onto the bull and wrestle it to the ground.

The invention of barbed wire and railroad may have ended the era of the cowboys, but African Americans all over the U.S. enjoy the sport. Many Black American compete in rodeos across the U.S., especially around June-teenth, to educate and raise awareness on the forgotten history of Black Cowboys.

While Hollywood may have whitewashed the original cowboys, the 31st Texas Black Invitational Rodeo will never forget them.



Jonathan Brown, a professional bull rider competes during the black rodeo. (Photo: Rachel Hawkins / NDG)