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Dallas and Garland ISDs Offering Elective Courses in Ethnic Studies

By Jackie Hardy
NDG Contributing Writer

In a recent legislative session, the Texas Education Agency approved offering a one-credit elective course in ethnic studies, and one of those courses includes African American studies. Dallas ISD and Garland ISD are two of the school districts offering various ethnic study courses this current school year.

"I think it's a great opportunity for African American students to learn more about their heritage and history. To understand who they are and where they came from and to get a good feel for all the contributions that have been made by African Americans," explains Joyce Foreman, Dallas ISD Board of Trustee for District 6.

The Texas State Board of Education (SBOE) outlined the Innovative Course Model for Ethnic Studies. Schools will offer ethnic studies focused not only on African American but also Mexican American and Asian American studies.

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"In addition to our required social studies course offerings, students in Garland ISD are fortunate to have an array of social studies elective courses to choose from when filling out their schedules.



Garland ISD is offering Ethnic Studies to interested students during the 2019-20 academic school year through the Innovative Course Model. (Image: Garland ISD)

Among those are African American Studies, Mexican American Studies, Asian American Studies, and Women's Studies," explains John Hatch, Garland ISD PK-12 Social Studies Coordinator.

Based on the Innovative Course Model for Ethnic Studies, students will broaden their knowledge and skills in the following subjects: History; Citizenship; Government; Economics; Culture; Social Studies; Science, Technology, and Society.

Hatch explained the Innovative Course Model provides a roadmap for districts to develop standards for courses proposed over many years. This will thereby give them the option to continue implement-

ing measures while in the innovative stage.

In the future, the State Board of Education may move to adopt it as a standard course. At that point, it will become a mandated course, as according to Hatch, this occurred with the SBOE recent decision to implement the Mexican American Studies course.

According to the Texas SBOE, the African American Studies course will teach students about the history and cultural contributions of African Americans. The objective is to help the students gain a broader perspective and understanding of local and national

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People In The News...



Junior Borges



E1 Samantha Moon

NDG Quote of the Week: "Nothing will work unless you do."

- Maya Angelou

Junior Borges

The Village Dallas announced the selection of Chef Nilton “Junior” Borges as the executive chef and vice president of culinary for a new development that will include 12 restaurant concepts located within The Village’s new entertainment district, a 34-acre mixed-use lifestyle project.

“I am excited to be a part of The Village,” said chef Borges. “I plan to serve the surrounding neighborhoods of The Village and guests from throughout the DFW metroplex at these new restaurants, which will offer dining experiences perfect



for both special occasions and weekly meals.”

The Village is a 300-acre collection of apartment communities that began a half-century ago in northeast Dallas located near the Park Cities and North Park

Center. Chef Borges will be leading a team of chefs in his new role, overseeing multiple restaurant openings in the spring of 2020.

A notable figure on the Dallas dining scene, the Brazilian-born chef developed his skills in several of New York’s best kitchens before moving to Dallas in 2014. His stellar career includes a rare five-star review from Leslie Brenner in 2016 as the opening chef at Uchi Dallas. He has also served as executive chef of FT33 and The Joule, where he oversaw all six of its dining establishments.

Chef Borges has noteworthy culinary creativity

with the ability to harmonize, enhance and build out the flavor of his dishes.

His commitment to sourcing from area farmers and ranchers will shine at these restaurants, which are situated among tall live oaks in one of Dallas’ long-standing residential communities. Additional announcements are to come regarding details of the 12 new restaurants.

“Chef Borges came up as someone who would be an excellent culinary leader for The Village’s new entertainment district in every conversation I had with many of the top

chefs in Dallas as we were searching for someone to fill this role,” said Larry Spelts, president of Village Hospitality. “His experience in great destination restaurants combined with his multi-outlet experience at The Joule have prepared him to lead our culinary team to execute at a high-level. We are excited for what is to come for him and for the future of The Village’s new lifestyle experience.”

Village on the Green first opened in 2006, and is constantly being updated with relevant events, renovations, and new tenants.

The center is defined by an inviting central plaza and architecturally-detailed buildings that create a sense of community and timeless allure.

93,000 square feet of retail, office, and restaurant space offer invigorating discoveries day and night. While it has easy access to 635 and Dallas North Tollway, Village on the Green also boasts a Walk Score of 75—it’s a highly walkable community with convenient access to restaurants, retail, coffee, businesses, and running errands within a five minute walk or short bike ride.

E1 Samantha Moon

SAN DIEGO – Ensign Samantha Moon, a native of Colleyville, Texas, was inspired by the encouragement of family members to join the Navy.

“Both of my parents did ROTC in college,” she said, “My brother also went to the Air Force Academy.”

Moon, a 2015 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas, is training to become a surface warfare officer, and getting her leadership training at the Basic Division Officer Course (BDOC), part of Surface Warfare Officers School San Diego.



Spc2 Jackson Brown

She credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Colleyville.

“My father worked for the military for many years,” said Moon. “So the lessons he taught me have carried over, having integri-

ty, standing up for yourself, putting your all into your work, and having a presence.”

BDOC is an intensive, nine week course of instruction designed to provide foundational classroom training to prospective surface warfare officers.

“I enjoy working with the virtual trainer to learn how to drive a ship, that’s huge,” said Moon. “The professors are highly knowledgeable and enthusiastic about teaching new ensigns.”

The course places emphasis on classroom instruction and Conning Officer Virtual Environment (COVE) simulators, which simulate every class of ship

in the U.S. Navy and all their homeports, in addition to many routine ports of call around the world. COVE reinforces concepts in navigation, seamanship, and shiphandling. BDOC also provides instruction on maritime warfare, divisional officer fundamentals, engineering, leadership and damage control.

The mission of Surface Warfare Officers School is to ready sea-bound warriors to serve on surface combatants as officers, enlisted engineers and enlisted navigation professionals to fulfill the Navy’s mission maintaining global maritime superiority.

Once service members

finish training they are deployed around the world putting their skill set to work aboard Navy ships, such as aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, amphibious warfare ships, mine warfare ships and littoral combat ships.

“I’ll be going to USS Blue Ridge in Yokosuka,” said Moon. “I look forward to leading the sailors and getting to drive the ship.”

There are many sacrifices and goals one must achieve to be selected as a surface warfare officer and Moon is most proud of earning her commission as a naval officer and getting her first choice ship.

“There was one slot left

for Blue Ridge and I went out and took it,” said Moon. “I minored in Japanese in college so going to Japan was a dream for me early on. Also, the legacy of Blue Ridge is unmatched.”

Surface warfare has been a part of world history for more than 3,000 years, and the United States has its stamp on that history with actions ranging from the American Revolution to modern day operations at sea around the world.

“I definitely think serving in the Navy is about putting others before yourself,” said Moon. “We talk a lot about servant leadership and I’m excited to develop that out in the fleet.”

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Ed Gray, Time to end the presidential side hustle

Waaaay passed time
- Joyce Hamilton

It is said that Mr Gray resorts to thinking that Trump treats this presidency as “more money”.

- Namtip Yigroeg

Only way this fiasco is going to end. Get that p.o.s. out. Either by election or impeachment or another way. He’s made the US a joke no other dignitaries care one bit about him except Putin who stuck his nose in our elec-

tion so he could have his puppet sitting in the white house.

- Charlie Love

Stacey Adams says she will serve as Vice President

I LOVE IT! Joe makes a lot of missteps. Stacey is just the person to get him, all the way together! Please let this happen.

- Tonya Babers
Dangerfield

it would make a hell of a statement to this nation. She is needed

- Marquita Neelly

yes it would irritate his base for sure

- Lucille Mitchell-Josey

Stacy is a gift and we want her at her best —

- Kim Merrill

Winner.....

- Jackie Harris

Hmmm...

- Cheryl Winters

Dallas City Council approves a deal to bring potential Kroger online grocery fulfillment center to southern Dallas

I’m not really excited about this part of tech-

nology advancement. the social implications are just as bad [as job losses]. The grocery store is where we run into neighbors, singles hook up, we meet girl scouts and Salvation Army volunteers. Society is changing and most don’t even notice for all the “quick fix” distractions we have in front of us.

- Jewell Booth

The best grocery store period

- Charlie Love

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It is time to end the presidential side hustle



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Straight Talk

I have watched with growing alarm, life leaving out of the American body politic. President Donald Trump is killing American democracy, and our Congress is standing by idly. Congress must begin action today to protect our Constitution, not their political base, or their political strategies of flipping Congressional seats from red to blue.

The reality is that you can't impeach somebody because you don't like them. If that were the case, President Trump would not be in office. Popularity does not win elections, (the Electoral College does) and unpopularity does not get you

out of office.

A bad economy combined with unpopularity does; it is as Sean Combs would say, "It's all about the Benjamins!"

Speaking of the Benjamins, that is what this presidency is to Donald Trump. It's an excellent opportunity for additional money for Donald Trump. He reminds me of the characters from the Wayans Brothers "In Living Color" skit always on the hustle to make more money.

Hustling for the Benjamins, like operating an expensive Bed and Breakfast for foreign visitors, perhaps you have heard of it, it is the Trump International located in Washington D.C.

If you want to cut a deal and get a meal, it's the place to be! United States District Court Judge, George Daniels ruled in December of 2017, that it was not illegal.

Ending Fair Housing Rule removes opportunities for all

By Rev. Dr. Willie Gable

Of all the issues confronting Americans, none is more basic than that of housing.

It is also true that everyday Americans are now struggling to keep and/or find homes they can afford. As housing prices rise faster than incomes, an increasing number of people grapple with challenges of how hard it is to keep their loved ones safe.

When the additional and illegal burden of housing discrimination emerges, the lives of many people worsen. Despite federal legal guarantees against housing discrimination, violations confront many who thought their housing rights had been permanently secured.

But I never imagined that a Black man raised by a single mother and later became a world-renown physician would change careers from medicine to government.

More than that, I never expected such a man to misuse his authority as HUD Secretary to personally withdraw a key fair housing rule.

Just days ago, HUD Secretary Benjamin Carson ended a rule known as Disparate Impact that has preserved the goals of the Fair Housing Act that is now more than 50 years old. Why he would do such a thing is beyond unthinkable. But it is immoral as well.

As a man raised in the turbulent 1960s in Detroit, has Secretary Carson forgotten the struggles of the civil rights movement that included the hard-fought battle to enact the Fair Housing Act?

Even more — Has Secretary Carson come so far in life and risen so high that he has lost all recollection of what it was to be poor, or in need, or discriminated against?

I believe he needs our

That may be true, but it is not ethical either. However, what does ethics have to do with it?

Each weekend after work, Trump ditches the uncomfortable White House on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, for one of his numerous resorts on the East Coast. Nothing wrong with going home for the weekend. However, for each week's visit to a Trump Resort, the American taxpayers are billed.

Just this past week, fresh from being placed in time out, at the Group of Seven (G7) Conference in France, our President showed diplomacy. He showed his let's just say he showed diplomacy. He offered his Trump National Doral Resort in Miami, as the 2020 conference location for the international Group of Seven. That's awfully black of him, after all, President

Trump would get paid for foreign dignitaries attending his resort.

In the United States Constitution, there is a clause that says national leaders cannot benefit from their position in the office; it is called the emoluments clause.

In our political marriage with President Donald Trump, emoluments must lead to annulments.

I am Ed Gray, and this is Straight Talk.

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rate about the hopes and dreams of people who have few or meager monies. In the wealthiest nation on earth, doesn't everyone deserve a chance to live free without the burden of discrimination?

As co-sponsor of the 1968 Fair Housing Act (FHA), former Vice President Walter Mondale participated in HUD's 50th anniversary program honoring the pivotal legislation. He termed the Act's passage as "one of the great miracles in modern history."

I heartily agree. Secretary Carson has a duty to pursue housing justice for all. It's time to put real fairness into fair housing again — for all.

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LuAnn Hunt / Unsplash

H. Grady Spruce High School receives Great Grant from Carter BloodCare

H. Grady Spruce High School receives a \$1,500 grant after meeting specific criteria for Carter BloodCare's Great Grants Program. The grant will be presented at their Tuesday, September 24 blood drive, to kick off the school year.

H. Grady Spruce High School's commitment to hosting successful blood drives is commendable, as high school blood drives

contribute greater than 20% of total annual donations to the community blood supply.

Carter BloodCare awards this grant to public and private high schools, ranging from \$500 to \$2,500, depending on their UIL school ranking. The eligibility criteria for receiving a Great Grant fall into two categories based on the school's current involvement:

If the school currently hosts Carter BloodCare blood drives, they must:

- Meet your blood donor number goal
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- Host a minimum of three blood drives, two must be during the school year and during school hours

If the school is not currently hosting Carter BloodCare blood drives, they

must:

- Host a minimum of two blood drives
- Achieve the blood donor number goal(s) established with your Carter BloodCare consultant

For more information on how your school can become a Great Grants partner, visit gr8students.org. To host your first blood drive, please call (877) 385-8724.

Inflammation triggers silent mutation to cause deadly lung disease

Researchers at the Stanford University School of Medicine have found inflammation in the lungs of rats, triggered by something as simple as the flu, may wake up a silent genetic defect that causes sudden onset cases of pulmonary hypertension, a deadly form of high blood pressure in the lungs.

"It's a kind of one-two punch," said Amy Tian, PhD, senior research scientist in pulmonary and critical care. "Basically, the first hit is the mutation, and the second hit is inflammation in the arteries of the lungs.

You can be healthy and carrying this mutation, and all of the sudden you get a bacterial or viral infection, and it leads to this terrible disease."

Currently, there is no known cause for pulmonary hypertension, a debilitating disease that causes difficulty breathing, fatigue, and chest pain. It can leave patients too weakened to perform simple daily activities, such as climbing a flight of stairs.

About 200,000 people a year are hospitalized with the disease in the United States, according to the

Pulmonary Hypertension Association of America. The only available cure for severe forms of the disease is lung transplantation, but it has only a 30 percent survival rate.

Weakening the heart

Pulmonary hypertension occurs when the arteries that transport blood from the heart to the lungs mysteriously thicken, become increasingly clogged, thereby weakening the heart, which has to pump extra hard to get blood to flow through the body. After diagnosis, most patients face a prognosis of just a few years of

life before they die of heart failure. Some patients are born with the disease, but often it strikes in later life.

Treatment is limited to vasodilators, drugs that cause the smooth muscle cells of the diseased blood vessels in the lungs to relax, permitting more blood to flow through. These drugs help to extend survival and relieve some symptoms, but they are not a cure. Thus, scientists have been searching for other therapies.

"At first, the rats with this mutation were healthy, running around the cage,"

Tian said. "Then after they received the virus, which stimulated the production of inflammation in the vessels of the lung, and they got really sick."

The lung inflammation caused by the virus usually lasts only a few weeks and, in humans, can also be caused by environmental triggers, such as severe flu or bacterial infection or even hiking to high altitudes. However, in the genetically susceptible rats, the virus led to permanent inflammation, damaging the lung vessels and causing a lethal form of pulmo-

nary hypertension.

"Asthma, a bad flu, temporary types of lung injury from bacterial or virus infections — all can be SLO-mediated," Tian said "This type of inflammation normally has a pretty short life span. But in these rats, even after the injected virus died, the damage to the endothelial cells in the lining of the blood vessels continued. The cells become the bad player, and they continued to proliferate the inflammation."

Excerpted from a story published by Stanford Medicine.

Heroes for Children hosting a Great Gatsby-themed gala on Sept. 28

Heroes for Children is inviting attendees to step back in time at their Heroes in Disguise: The Great Gatsby Gala. The Texas nonprofit organization, which provides social and financial assistance to families with a child ages 0 to 22 battling cancer, announced Mandy Lu Ristow and Morgan Hallman are returning as the 2019 event chairs for the second annual gala, at Union Station in downtown Dallas Saturday, Sept. 28.

Guests will be greeted with live music, an open bar and passed hors d'oeuvres while they peruse the donated items for the silent and live auctions. The evening's events also include a seated dinner catered by Wolfgang Puck, followed by live music by Inversion Band and dancing. There

will be a 1920s-style casino with a high-roller area as well as a private high-stakes poker room. A VIP speaker, sponsored by Remy Cointreau, will be held in the upstairs first-class passenger lounge where a Louis XIII tasting will also be available for sponsors over the \$10,000 level.

With a goal to engage 400 attendees and raise \$250,000, this event could break records for Heroes for Children, enabling the organization to increase the social and financial assistance they provide to families battling childhood cancer across Texas.

"Heroes for Children directly touches the lives of families as they are going through the nightmare of childhood cancer and holds their hand with them every

step of the way," said Hallman, who also sits on the Heroes for Children Advisory Board. "Volunteering with Heroes for Children is so rewarding, and meeting the families we serve really helps me put my own priorities back into perspective."

The organization helps Texas families keep their households running as normally as possible during their fight against childhood cancer, from paying utility bills to providing transportation assistance. The Texas nonprofit provides financial assistance to cover the gaps in unexpected expenses like lab tests for bone marrow matches or hearing aids for children whose treatment has left them deaf. Heroes for Children also assists in underwriting fertility pres-

ervation for pediatric cancer patients who have been prescribed radiation. They are the only agency in the state that provides funeral assistance when cancer treatment has failed.

When Ristow, who sits on the board of directors for Heroes for Children, was asked to serve once again as co-chair of the organization's second annual gala, she was shocked and honored.

"Creating an event from scratch was no easy task, but we had so much fun working with the entire Heroes for Children team to make it successful," Ristow explained. "This year we wanted to challenge ourselves to make the event even bigger and better than it was in 2018, and I think we've succeeded! We can't

wait to treat our supporters 1920s." to a special and glamorous night right out of the

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Dallas Zeta chapter hosting College Prep 101 for future college students

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Kappa Zeta Chapter in conjunction with Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas is hosting a free "College Prep 101" workshop will provide an overview of the entire collegiate planning

process, including academic preparation, entrance exams, extra-curricular activities, career exploration, and school choice.

The event will feature insights into completing applications and financing. Guest

speakers from the University of North Texas at Dallas, will offer high school students and parents college readiness information.

This free interactive session will be helpful to high school students as they develop road-

maps to college. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn ways they can support their child's academic journey.

High School junior and senior students in attendance will have an opportunity to win a college admission ap-

plication fee valued up to \$50. Must be present to win.

The workshop is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 29 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the campus of Southern Methodist University at the Hughes-Trigg Student Center

Ballroom, 3400 Dyer Street in Dallas.

Pre-registration for the workshop is requested and available to be completed at: <https://www.memberplanet.com/events/kappazpb/brcp101>.

Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities donate uniforms to students at seven schools

On Friday, Aug. 23, students from seven Dallas ISD elementary schools celebrated a donation of uniforms to their schools by Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities and JCPenney with a pep rally-style event at Ellis Davis Field House.

Frederick Douglass Elementary, Julian T. Saldivar Elementary, David G. Burnet Elementary, Joseph J. Rhoads Elementary, J. P. Starks Elementary, Whit-

ney M. Young Elementary, and Lee A. McShan Elementary School were among campuses that together received a total of 3,000 donated uniforms.

To showcase the donations, students from each school modeled examples of the uniforms on a raised runway. They also carried signs declaring how many uniforms their particular schools received this year through the program.

This is the sixth year Smith Charities and other partners have supplied uniforms to Dallas ISD students, with the donation growing each year.

At the Aug. 23 event, students received free dental screenings and books; and fresh food to take home donated by Albertsons/Tom Thumb. Volunteers from HKS spent the morning packing the food for the students to take home.



Dallas ISD students were excited to receive new school uniforms donated by Emmitt Smith Charities (Courtesy photo)

2019 AT&T Byron Nelson Raises \$3 Million for local children's program

The Salesmanship Club Charitable Golf of Dallas today announced \$3 million in charitable proceeds from the 2019 AT&T Byron Nelson.

"The tournament is truly more than a game to us, and we are incredibly proud to continue providing a substantial contribution to Momentous Institute," said Tournament Director, Jon Drago. "In addition to the financial results of the tournament, we were also able to build upon our momentum in the first year in several key strategic areas for the tournament; including operations, community engagement and sustainability."

The tournament continues to support the work of Momentous Institute, which works directly with



The AT&T Byron Nelson and the students they support want to say thank you to those who helped them to raise \$3 million in 2019 to support the Momentous Institute (Image: AT&T Byron Nelson's website)

over 5,500 families and children in our community to build and repair social emotional health so they can achieve their full po-

tential.

The tournament was pleased with the popularity of the new Katy Trail Ice House Pavilion and

plan to bring in even more Dallas favorites next year. The new date on the PGA TOUR calendar provided a strong uptick in internation-

al player commitments, and Sung Kang was crowned champion at twenty-three under par.

The tournament announced the following additional results from the 2019 event:

- 8,000 yards of signage material at the tournament was upcycled into 2,000 backpacks for children
- Four pallets of food were donated to Centers Ministry
- Community groups raised almost \$185,000 through vendors at the tournament
- Four new vendors were hired after attending the 2018 vendor tour
- 80% of all tournament site waste was diverted from the landfill

• More than 350 runners from all over North Texas came to run through the Great Trinity Forest and on the home-course of the AT&T Byron Nelson in the inaugural Forest to Fairway 5K

Planning has already begun for the 2020 AT&T Byron Nelson to be held May 4-10 at Trinity Forest Golf Club in Dallas and will include a new "Taste of Dallas" set-up and even more ways to celebrate moms on Mother's Day. The 2020 tournament will mark the 75th anniversary of Byron Nelson's greatest season in golf, which included 18 victories, 11 in a row.

Additionally, the Salesmanship Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

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The connection to Heroes for Children is a personal one for both Ristow and Hallman. Their best friend, Jo Trizila, who was diagnosed at 13 years-old with a brain abscess the treatment of which also caused her to develop aplastic anemia. Trizila survived thanks to

a life-saving bone marrow transplant from her brother, and today sits on the Heroes for Children Board.

"My family has personally felt the struggle of battling pediatric cancer on their own," said Trizila, who is being recognized as the honorary chair at the

nonprofit's annual gala. "It's hard to think about my family having to go through that without the support of an organization like Heroes for Children, which didn't exist when I was diagnosed. I am so honored to be a part of this organization and to have the opportunity to work on this event that helps us

raise much-needed funds to ensure that no Texas family fights alone. Last year we provided assistance to over 500 families, and I'm excited to see that number grow with the community's generous support."

Financial assistance is only one of the areas where Heroes for Children assists Texas families battling

childhood cancer. Because they understand that cancer impacts the whole family, the nonprofit also organizes events for families including movie days, dinners on Valentine's Day and private visits to local museums. These family-friendly events provide some much-needed respite from the hospital and re-introduce

some normalcy amid what is often a very emotionally-draining battle against childhood cancer.

For more information about Heroes for Children and how they are able to accomplish their mission of ensuring no Texas family fights pediatric cancer alone, visit <https://heroesforchildren.org>.

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DALLAS DIVISION

DEBRA WALKER, ET AL.

v.

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CLASS ACTION

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If the characteristics set out above describe you, then you are a member of the class of such persons in this case involving the desegregation of DHA's housing programs. Plaintiffs in the case and DHA have proposed an amendment to the Agreed Final Judgment in this case. If approved by the Court, this settlement will determine the future administration and operation of the Walker Settlement Voucher program that has been a part of the relief for the class since 2001.

The settlement, if approved by the Court, will modify the operation of the Walker Settlement Voucher program by the following changes:

A. DHA will continue to provide financial assistance to eligible Walker Settlement Voucher participants for eligible costs in obtaining housing until the \$2,850,000 in funding set out in the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment has been spent. These costs may include all or part of application fees, payments to landlords if necessary to obtain housing, utility deposits, security deposits, and a set moving expense. The specific eligibility requirements for this assistance are set out in the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment that can be obtained from the sources listed below. DHA will also use up to \$150,000 per year from these funds to reimburse its own costs for administration of the Walker Settlement Voucher program. DHA will pay up to \$250,000 in a one-time expenditure to develop a mobile application to provide all DHA voucher participants with the ability to identify and locate affordable housing in areas of high opportunity.

B. The total number of Walker Settlement Vouchers either in use or available for use will be 2,646.

C. The Walker Settlement Voucher payment standard will be up to 125% of the Small Area Fair Market Rent for the Zip Code in which the voucher unit is located.

D. Eligible class members living in Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty

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will be given a priority in the issuance of Walker Settlement Vouchers.

E. The definition of the census tracts eligible for the use of Walker Settlement Vouchers will change after the 2020 U.S. Census to include only census tracts with a poverty population percentage less than the poverty population percentage of the City of Dallas and in census tracts that are not minority neighborhoods. A minority neighborhood is a census tract in which the percentage of persons of a particular racial or ethnic minority is more than 20 percentage points higher than the percentage of that minority population in the City of Dallas population. In addition, an Eligible Census Tract must have a poverty rate at or below the average poverty rate for the City of Dallas as based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data.

F. There are other changes in the administration of the Walker Settlement Voucher program that are set out in the Amended Agreed Final Judgment. These changes involve the factors determining the number of Walker Settlement Vouchers that remain available for use, the availability of the assistance of the Inclusive Communities Project for Walker Settlement Voucher program participants, the effect of a change in a census tract from an Eligible Census Tract because of census related changes, and similar matters. The importance of these other changes may depend on your personal circumstances.

The proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment will affect several of the previous Orders in this case and will completely replace the current Agreed Final Judgment entered in 2004 that currently applies to DHA. The extent of the effect on the obligations in those orders is specifically described in the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment.

You are entitled to:

- A. know about the terms of the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment;
- B. give the Court your comments;
- C. and object to the approval of the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment. If the Court approves the settlement, then DHA's duties and your rights in connection with the claims in this lawsuit would be those described in the Amended Agreed Final Judgment.

You may obtain a copy of the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment that includes all attachments to the proposal by requesting a copy from Daniel & Beshara, P.C., the attorneys representing the Plaintiffs and the plaintiff class in this case. You may email a request to danbesh@danbesharalawfirm.com or by mail or telephone request to Daniel & Beshara, P.C., 3301 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75226; (214) 939-9230.

The Court has set a hearing on the proposed settlement for October 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Eldon B. Mahon Courthouse, Second Floor Courtroom, 501 W. 10th Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT DESCRIBE THE ENTIRE SETTLEMENT AND IS NOT AUTHORITY FOR ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY COURT ORDER. You are entitled to see and review the documents associated with the proposed changes.

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These documents are available from the website link set out above.

If you have any objection to the settlement and want to testify or give other evidence at the hearing, you must do the following: put the objection in writing, put "Walker v. HUD, 3:85-CV-1210-R" at the top, and at least 14 days before the hearing, send a copy to these addresses:

Plaintiffs' attorney: Michael M. Daniel or Laura B. Beshara, 3301 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75226.

DHA's attorney: Katie Anderson, Clark Hill Strasburger, 901 Main Street, Suite 6000, Dallas, Texas 75202.

The Court: United States District Clerk, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 14A20, Dallas, Texas 75242.

If you have questions, call Plaintiffs' attorney. Do not call the Judge or the Clerk.

SO ORDERED on this **10th day of July, 2019.**


Reed O'Connor
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Kick the school year off with a peanut butter donation

Fight hunger with a donation to the Collin County Peanut Butter Drive. The Mayors of Collin County cities have partnered with the North Texas Food Bank to help food insecure children, families and seniors. Help us reach our goal to collect 100,000 pounds of



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peanut butter. Plastic jars of regular-sized peanut butter are being collected

throughout September.

Visit one of these Plano drop-off sites:

- North Texas Food Bank's Perot Family Campus, 3677 Mapleshade Ln.
- Carpenter Park Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Rd.
- Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd.

• Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Ave.

• Lone Star Oral Health, 5800 Coit Rd.

• Read Between the Lines, 7500 Windrose Ave., Ste. B160

• The Shops at Willow Bend (lower-level court), 6121 W. Park Blvd.

• The UPS Store, 3308 Preston Rd., Ste. 350

• The UPS Store, 6505 W. Park Blvd., Ste. 306

Compete for the "Nuttiest Neighborhood" title in a friendly competition among our neighborhood groups. All registered neighborhood groups are

encouraged to participate. Visit the Neighborhood Services webpage for contest rules.

Results will be announced in mid-October. Share the message with #SpreadTheHopeCollinCounty.

Confectionery heaven at the Dallas Chocolate Festival this weekend

Finally, the much-anticipated Dallas Chocolate Festival, presented by Dallas-Chocolate.org, kicks off this weekend at Fashion Industry Gallery (F.I.G.) on Sept. 7-8.

Chocolate has long been one of the favorite sweet treats throughout the world, and Dallas is no exception. Made from the seeds of cacao plant, its history goes back to Mesoamerica and beverages featuring it date back as far as 450 BC. Since then, it has become a staple

for such celebrations as Valentines Day.

For its tenth annual edition, the Festival will be telling "The Story of Chocolate" with over 60 innovative chocolate makers and chocolatiers from around the world and locally.

Over 3,000 attendees will experience the story of chocolate through demonstrations, workshops, shopping experiences, and of course, lots of tastings.

Described as the the ulti-

mate chocolate wonderland weekend, adults and children alike will be immersed in a chocolate paradise filled with spellbinding aromas, visual artistry, and mouth-watering flavors of the finest chocolates, leaving happily ever after.

In addition to everyone's favorite part of the Festival – the tastings from over 60 exhibitors – guests can learn every element of chocolate-making.

The weekend includes

demonstrations and discussions from chefs and chocolate makers, lectures from industry experts, a kids' area, food trucks, and more. Hands-on workshops, including guided tastings and chocolate-making classes, will also be available for an additional fee.

The VIP Party on Friday, Sept. 6 at the Fashion Industry Gallery in Downtown Dallas kicks off the 2019 Dallas Chocolate Festival with a night of deliciousness.

Cocktails, light bites, a chocolate fountain, and of course chocolate samples and shopping from some of the best in the biz.

The \$75 guest tickets also include valet parking and a VIP goody bag. Round up the chocolate lovers in your life (21 and older) and come celebrate 10 Years of Chocolate in style.

To learn more about the Dallas Chocolate Festival and to purchase tickets, visit www.dallaschocolate.org.



Dallas Chocolate Festival

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issues and events.

The focus of the Essential Knowledge and Skills will include the significant eras, civilizations, and contributions of African American history and culture foundational to humanity. The materials will predate American slavery while exploring its role in our country. The impact of slavery on the development and progression of nationalism and sectionalism dating back to the early 19th century.

Dallas ISD's Deputy Chief of Racial Equity Leslie Williams intends to start with a solid foundation. He sought leading experts in African American studies to help form the course for its schools, according to Foreman.

California was one of the first states to offer ethnic study courses. According to a 2016 article in The Atlantic, Ethnic Studies in American public schools have slowly evolved and grown in the last 20 plus years.

Research, such as the one done by the Stanford Graduate School of Education, has shown the benefits

schools have experienced when offering ethnic studies. High school ethnic studies course examining the roles of race, nationality, and culture on identity and experience; improved attendance and academic performance of students who were at high risk of not graduating. The study reported students making gains in attendance and grades also increased the number of earned course credits to graduate.

Opponents have argued courses like these are anti-American and teach divisiveness as mentioned in the Stanford study, but Foreman sees quite the opposite as she sees it as an opportunity to bridge that divide.

"There is a lot of negative stereotypes regarding African American people. This gives us an opportunity to have that discussion in a holistic way that hopefully will bridge the understanding," Foreman shared. Possibly they will gain an understanding of how the African American picture really looks like in this country, and throughout the

world, she added.

Hatch shares Foreman's sentiment regarding the benefits of having these courses as part of their elective program offerings.

"Any opportunity we have to focus the attention of our students on the plights and accomplishments of various ethnic groups in the American story helps our students to develop a deeper understanding of the full scope of that story," states Hatch.

Hatch hopes the courses will offer students of all racial backgrounds a perspective of American history that challenges them. He is hopeful students will see beyond the traditional narrative and recognize the struggles and victories influencing and shaping current events.

"Kids now have a choice to further their understanding of different cultures and ethnicities...so they can better understand the contributions of that particular culture {has made} to our city and our nation," adds Linda Griffin, Garland ISD Trustee for Place 3.

Another critical aspect of the course is highlighting national, and local histori-

cal figures within those respective ethnic groups have played a significant role in the fight for equality and justice. Native Texan, Juanita Jewel Craft's tireless efforts and commitment to the Civil Rights Movement are deemed as equally notable. Her achievements and impact match some of the national historical figures also being recognized within the course.

"I believe that students need to understand the big stories, but they also need to understand how those stories, like the Civil Rights Movement, played out here in our state and community. Ideally, we would want students to identify with others in our community who stood for their rights and for the rights of others," exclaims Hatch.

Foreman is a firm believer in incorporating local history. By doing so, it provides students a clearer understanding of individuals locally who contributed significantly in moving driving our local accomplishments forward.

Craft dedicated her life and service up until her death in 1985 to fighting for equal rights for African

Americans locally. She was pivotal in leading the efforts of the Desegregation of the State Fair of Texas in 1955. Much later, Craft was elected to represent Place 6 seat on the Dallas City Council at the age of 73. She campaigned promising to address the clean-up of deteriorating houses, vacant lots, weeds, and the revitalization of downtown.

She was also an active member and leader in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) organization. Craft held several positions including Chairperson (Dallas Chapter), Texas Field Organizer, and Youth Adviser (Dallas Chapter). For more information on Craft's life's work, visit: <https://dallaslibrary2.org/dallashistory/archives/08105.php>.

They have identified two critical factors in measuring the program's success: how well the course is received by the students and the teachers' interest in wanting to teach the course. According to Hatch, they will also monitor the progress of the program using empirical data.

Dallas Board of Trustee

Foreman hopes students of all backgrounds will enroll in the Ethnic Courses being offered at their schools.

"As a Board of Trustee, I will be looking at the racial breakdown of students taking the course. In my mind, it would not be working if only African American students are taking it and the same thing with the Mexican American Studies. I'd like to see a mixture of children taking that course as well," Foreman adds.

"I am confident that courses like African American Studies will greatly enhance the overall educational experience of all students in GISD and Texas. I look forward to working with teachers in our district who will be teaching them," writes Hatch.

Becoming more community-minded and involved is one of the results DISD Trustee, Foreman hopes will inspire and prompt students, who participate in the ethnic studies, to do.

"My hope is that more young people will become actively engaged and to understand that there are sacrifices that you have to make to stand up for the community," Foreman stated.

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The **Meadows Percussion Ensemble** at SMU Meadows School of the Arts will present its first alumni concert to honor Doug Howard, who founded the ensemble in 1975 and recently retired after more than 40 years of teaching percussion at Meadows. The concert takes place at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 22 in Caruth Auditorium of the Owen Arts Center, 6101 Bishop Blvd. on the SMU campus. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

Parking is available at Hillcrest and Binkley and in the garage beneath the Meadows Museum (enter museum garage through left gate only). For more information, please call the Meadows box office at 214.768.2787.

Carrollton

Boards & Commissions Applications Due September 9 - Citizen involvement is vital in setting the direction for Carrollton's future. City Council will be accepting applications through Monday, Septem-

ber 9 at 5:30 p.m. for the 2019 Boards & Commissions appointments in October and November. City government depends on residents who volunteer their time and expertise as members of boards, commissions, and committees. By lending a more diverse viewpoint for the City Council to consider, their actions help shape and influence public policy. For more information or to apply, visit cityofcarrollton.com/boards.

Ages 13-18 are invited

to participate in the Library's decision making at **Teen Action Committee** on Thursday, September 12 from 6-7 p.m. at Hebron & Josey Library (4220 N. Josey Lane). Join other teens to plan upcoming Library programs and make decisions about Library services for teens. This committee is open to new members, and no registration or application is required. Additionally, teens can earn volunteer credit for participating. To learn more about the Teen Action Committee or other teen programs at the

Library, visit cityofcarrollton.com/library or call 972-466-4800.

Garland**Water Scam Alert:**

The City of Garland often receives reports about various companies offering free in-home water tests. Garland Water Utilities Department works continuously to monitor and test our drinking water from the supplier pipeline all the way to the customer's tap. Residents should be wary of such offers.

To learn more, visit the

Garland Water Utilities website.

Apply for **Cultural Arts Grants** Through Sept. 20: The Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc., announces its 2019-20 grant program for local arts groups, historic preservation organizations and other artistic entities.

Applications may be picked up at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, 300 N. Fifth St. in Downtown Garland. Applications will be available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through Sept. 19.

Former pastor shares his breakdown and journey to wholeness

Wichita, KS — Junius Dotson made an indelible mark on the Community of Faith while serving as Senior Pastor of a multi-campus ministry of more than 5000 people for nearly 15 years. Dotson, a nationally recognized leader, speaker and author, has opened up about his journey back to emotional, physical and

spiritual health and wellness in his new book *Soul Reset*.

Dotson will make a stop in Dallas on his multi-city tour speaking to leaders about the importance of self-care during a *Soul Reset* Leaders Summit Saturday, Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. – Noon at Jackson Walker, 2323 Ross Ave. He will

also preach at St. Luke "Community" UMC Sunday, Sept. 8.

"It took an actual breakdown for me to realize that I needed a reset, Dotson said. "I served as pastor through grief, depression, burnout and emotional breakdowns and I felt I couldn't really share with anyone, and it nearly took me out."

The title echoes the "return to factory settings" option on a computer. Sometimes when a computer – or a life – gets so filled with clutter and extraneous matter, the best solution is a hard reset, a process that restores the device to its original setting. "It could happen to the best of us, explained Dotson. I bought

into the myth that what it took to be a strong leader was to never allow myself to be vulnerable, Dotson said.

Whether you are leading your family, a church, a team at work or yourself, we can all use the principles that Dotson has outlined in *Soul Reset*.



Junius Dotson

17 million voters purged nationwide between 2016 and 2018

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

A Brennan Center analysis has found that at least 17 million voters were purged nationwide between 2016 and 2018, similar to the numbers discovered between 2014 and 2016.

Using data released by the Federal Election Assistance Commission, the Brennan Center found that counties with a history of voter discrimination have continued purging people from the rolls at high rates.

"This phenomenon began after the Supreme Court's 2013 ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, a decision that severely weakened the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965," the report states.

"Before the *Shelby County* decision, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act required jurisdictions with a history of discrimination to submit proposed changes in voting procedures to the Department of Justice or a federal court for approval, a

process known as 'preclearance,'" the report's authors wrote.

The Brennan Center first identified this troubling voter purge trend in a major report released in July 2018.

As the nation heads toward the all-important 2020 election cycle, many said they're concerned with voter purging and the ever-present threat of voter disenfranchisement.

"Automatic voter registration is a great way to be sure that every eligible American is registered to vote," said Dr. Margaret Groarke, an associate professor of political science at Manhattan College in New York.

"Whether this prevents voter suppression is complicated by the fact that there are many ways that people suppress the vote," Groarke said.

"Key strategies today are over-inclusive voter purges, strict voter ID laws, and making threats that people with unpaid fines or warrants shouldn't come near

the polls," she said.

"Automatic voter registration might counteract the effect of purges, but will do nothing to stop other strategies," Groarke said.

The Brennan Center report follows a Center for American Progress analysis that examined how conservative lawmakers are suppressing the votes of people of color, young people, and those with disabilities.

From discriminatory voter ID laws in places such as North Dakota, South Carolina, and Michigan to failures to provide early polling places in a majority-black neighborhood in Texas and the freezing of more than 50,000 voter registrations in Georgia, voter suppression is rampant in 2018, according to the CAP report.

"Voter suppression is widespread again this year, and these efforts from conservative lawmakers largely target people of color, young people, and people with disabilities," Connor Maxwell, a research associ-

ate for Race and Ethnicity Policy at the CAP, said in a news release.

The Brennan Center's report authors said as the

2020 election cycle heats up, election administrators must be transparent about how they're deciding what names to remove from the

rolls.

They must be diligent in their efforts to avoid erroneously purging voters, the report's authors said.

Zeke on board, Cowboys season starts this week

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

FRISCO – No one knew for sure if the Dallas Cowboys would open the regular season without running back Ezekiel Elliott until Wednesday.

The Cowboys' regular-season opener is Sunday at 3:25 p.m. at AT&T Stadium in Arlington against the New York Giants.

Elliott and the Cowboys had been at an impasse on a contract extension for the Pro Bowl running back. So much so the Cowboys could very well have faced the Giants with rookie Tony Pollard and veteran Alfred Morris as the two guys carrying the load in the backfield in Elliott's absence.

"Everybody knows who's not here, but we've still got to keep playing," wide receiver Michael Gallup said while the outcome was still up in the air. "If somebody goes down on the team or whatever, you're going to have to finish out the game."

"We're hoping to get (Elliott) back. That's not in our control. We control what we can control – to go out and play football."

NDG's Cowboys season predictions

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Following Wednesday's early morning signing of Ezekiel Elliott, all Dallas Cowboys fans are finally able to breathe a sigh of relief as their dreams of a 2020 Super Bowl regained new life. Clearly, the NDG team believe the Dallas Cowboys have a real shot at being on the field in Miami on Feb. 2, 2020. Below are our, dare we say, bold predictions for the team's 2019-20 season.

Dwain Price, NDG



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Is Zeke ready to play Sunday?

Will practicing the rest of the week with his teammates afford Elliott ample time to be ready for the Giants?

"Zeke is as capable as anybody I know," coach Jason Garrett said. "He's an experienced player, he's been a really good player for us. He knows our system of football."

"I don't think there will be a lot of learning there."

He's a smart guy, he's an instinctive guy. But again, we'll practice as well as we can to prepare the right way to play the Giants. Once he gets back here, we'll try to get him as integrated as quickly as possible."

Elliott led the National Football League in rushing as a rookie in 2016 with 1,631 yards and last year with 1,434 yards. The Cowboys are one of the few teams in the pass-happy NFL who gear their

Sports Writer, believes the team will go 12-4 and finish in a blaze of glory defeating the Kansas City Chiefs 34-20 in the Super Bowl. Price expects Dak Prescott will be the standout player of the year for the team.

David Wilfong, NDG Contributing Writer, agrees with Dwain about the final record and Dak but does not feel too strongly about their post-season odds. He predicts they will get two rounds into the playoffs. Or is he simply hedging his prediction?

Ruth Ferguson, NDG Editor, I agree on the 12-4 record, I want to believe they will go to the Super Bowl (OK since I have to choose, I will say yes) but as far as the standout player of the year, it better be Elliott.

Share your three predictions with us:

- Cowboys final regular season record.
- How far will they go in the playoffs?
- Who do you predict will be the Standout Player of the year?

offense around the running game, so Elliott is essential in their offensive scheme.

"Obviously we love to have him here, but we've got to go with the guys in the locker room," offensive guard Zack Martin said. "We have a huge game this week, and we've got to prepare for it."

"(Tony Pollard) has looked great in the pre-season. It's nice to have a guy in Alfred here. He runs that wide zone scheme as good as anyone, so we've got a good thing going with those two guys."

What are the Boys chances in 2019?

The Cowboys are coming off a season where they won the NFC East with a

10-6 record. Dallas was just 3-5 at the midway point of the season, then rallied to win seven of its final eight games before defeating Seattle in the wild card game (24-22) then losing to the Los Angeles Rams in the divisional round of the playoffs (30-22).

But this year's Cowboy squad is so loaded from top to bottom that several football aficionados have them not only reaching the Super Bowl but coming home with the NFL's top prize for the first time since the 1995 season.

"The goal for this football team is to compete for a Super Bowl championship, and if that's not your goal you shouldn't be

involved in this," Garrett said. "But that's something that we put in the back of our minds, and what we try to do is focus on what we need to do each day to become better players, better coaches and a better football team."

"And that's really what's on the forefront of our mind – improve every day, try to get better every day with the opportunities that we have. That's really what our goal is more than anything else, and hopefully, that'll allow us to achieve the other goals that we have as we go."

The Cowboy players themselves know they're

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Dallas teen invited to open for Chris Brown on INDIGOAT Tour

Teen music sensation Nya Marquez has been invited to open for Chris Brown on his US headlining "INDIGOAT Tour." Nya joins Tory Lanez, Ty Dolla \$ign, Joyner Lucas, and Yella Beezy on this tour.

The Dallas native is thrilled to have this opportunity.

"Opening for Chris Brown is a dream come true," she says. "I can't wait!"

Nya will be the opening

performer for Chris Brown on Oct. 5 in Dallas, Texas, at the American Airlines Center and again on Oct. 8 in San Antonio, at the AT&T Center. Produced by Lyve Production LLC, Brown's 38-city trek kicked off on Aug. 20 and will make stops at major arenas across the US before wrapping on Oct. 19.

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Marquez is set to work with the number 1 song-

writer/producer in the music business who has worked with megastars like Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez, Usher, Nicki Minaj, Enrique Iglesias, and Pitbull.

"I'm so grateful to have had these extraordinary experiences," says Nya. "First, looking forward to working with multi-Grammy and multi-BMI award winner who has written and produced more number one global hit songs the past decade than any other pro-

ducer, and now opening for Chris Brown - I can hardly believe it!"

Nya has already worked with AB Quintanilla, brother of and producer for the late Latin super star Selena Quintanilla. She has also worked with 80s icon Tiffany, as well as Robin Antin, creator of the successful girl group, the Pussycat Dolls.

To learn more, visit Nya Marquez's Kickstarter campaign.



Dallas teen singer is invited to perform at the upcoming Chris Brown show in Dallas and San Antonio (Image via Nya's Facebook page with permission)

2019 Big Tex winners include Fried Stuff Taco Cone and Fla'Mango Tango for State Fair Foodies

It's finally here, the moment you've all been waiting for - the highly-anticipated decision that denotes the ultimate achievement in Fair food. The 15th Annual Big Tex Choice Awards, presented by Metro by T-Mobile, provided guests with an ample assortment of tasty treats.

This year's finalists proved that there is no shortage of creativity when it comes to this competition. After tasting all 10 foods and carefully evaluating each item, the all-star panel of judges has tallied its scores and cast its final votes.

Drum roll please...and the winners are: "Best Taste - Savory" goes to Ruth's Stuffed Fried Taco Cone by Ruth Hauntz, while Big Red Chicken Bread by Brent & Juan Reaves of Smokey John's Bar-B-Que wins "Best Taste - Sweet," and "Most Creative" presented by Metro by T-Mobile goes to the Fla'Mango Tango by the Garza Family.

Best Taste - Sweet Big Red Chicken Bread by Brent & Juan Reaves (SWEET)

This new Fair favorite starts with a homemade, light, fluffy, melt-in-your-mouth, Big Red -flavored frosting, and served with a savory fried chicken wing resting in the middle of the doughnut.

So long chicken and waffles, hello Big Red Chicken Bread.



Ruth's Stuffed Fried Taco Cone by Ruth Hauntz is a big hit at the Big Tex Choice Awards (Photo credit: Kevin Brown/State Fair of Texas)

Unfortunately, the founder of the popular Smokey John's Bar-B-Que, "Smokey" John Reaves, passed away on Sunday at the age of 74 from complications related to diabetes.

Mr. Reaves was only the second black-owned state fair food stand owner when he opened several decades ago. Later he opened a location in the Love Field area in 1976 at the corner of Lemmon and Mockingbird. The location has remained a staple for the hospital district employees and lovers of soul food in the area.

Despite the loss of their father on Saturday, his sons, Brent and Juan Reaves, attended the comeption on Sunday. They will continue their father's legacy by operating at the State Fair and running the recently renovated restaurant.

Smokey John's Bar-B-Que was closed a great deal of last year for repairs from a fire.

Best Taste - Savory

Ruth's Stuffed Fried Taco Cone by Ruth Hauntz (SAVORY)

Tender, savory, marinated, slow-cooked barba-coa served in an ice cream cone-shaped tortilla shell with black beans and cilantro lime rice. It is topped with pico de gallo, queso fresco, and homemade salsa verde. The perfect handheld treat to enjoy while strolling through the State Fair of Texas.

Most Creative Fla'Mango Tango by The Garza Family (SWEET)

Mango like you've never tango'd before! Treat yourself with a refreshingly creamy mango twist, fried and drizzled with a kicky citrus glaze. Topped with whipped topping and served with a side of strawberry mango sorbet. Presto! Chango, that tangy explosion's a Mango Tango!

"Metro by T-Mobile is excited to support small Texas businesses that showcase and celebrate creativ-

ity through providing the best deal in wireless," said Gladys Marquez-Ramirez,

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Dallas City Council approves a deal to bring potential Kroger online grocery fulfillment center to southern Dallas

The City Council on Wednesday voted unanimously to approve an economic incentive package aimed at bringing an online grocery fulfillment center to southern Dallas.

Kroger Co. and Ocado Solutions USA Inc. sought the deal for a proposed 350,000-square-foot robotic grocery fulfillment center on a 55-acre site the northwest corner of Telephone and Bonnie View roads. The facility would make at-home grocery delivery available to

all Dallas households, as the delivery radius of the facility is up to five hours. Kroger has also committed that it will not redline or exclude any neighborhood in Dallas from receiving grocery delivery.

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson said the council's vote "will send a message that the City is tech-savvy and open for business in the 21st century."

"This deal represents a big step forward for southern Dallas, and I'm hopeful it

can be a transformative partnership for our entire City," Mayor Johnson said.

As part of the deal, the City would include a nomination for designation as a Texas Enterprise Zone project, property tax abatements and \$2 million in 2012 economic development bond funds meant to offset public improvements required at the site.

The incentives are tied to multiple requirements, including the creation of at least 410 jobs and a work-

force that includes Dallas residents. The council's agreement included provisions that Kroger will pay a \$15 minimum wage.

The deal also requires Kroger to participate as an industry partner with Dallas ISD and Richardson ISD P-TECH programs; meet with Paul Quinn College, University of North Texas at Dallas, and Cedar Valley to discuss workforce collaborations; review southern Dallas for a potential new retail store site; and determine, within

24 months, whether a remodel of its existing Wynnewood Village store will be completed.

Over 10 years, Kroger estimated that the taxable sales from the fulfillment center will total approximately \$460 million, meaning a sales tax payment to the City of approximately \$500,000 each year.

"I believe we are offering a robust, detailed and competitive incentive package, and I commend the staff, my council colleagues and

Kroger and Ocado for their work on it," Mayor Johnson said. It would provide for hundreds of jobs that pay living wages. It would reward the hiring of Dallas residents. It would bring hundreds of thousands of dollars back to the City for services for our residents every year. And it would facilitate community engagement with our higher education institutions."

If the project moves forward as planned, the City expects the facility to open in 2023.

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spokesperson for Metro by T-Mobile.

With such a solid list of contenders in the final 10, this year's Big Tex Choice Awards posed quite a challenge for the judges, who were tasked with picking the winning dishes. Going up against these winners, and proving to be very worthy opponents, the other foods that made it to the final round include: Calypso Island Shrimp Bowl by Stephen Alade, Fernie's Fried Burnt End Burrito by the Winter Family, Southern Fried Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo Ball by Greg Parish, Texas Cream Corn Casserole Fritters by Clint

Probst, Deep Fried Bayou Fruit Bites by Terrence & Lisa Henderson, Peanut Butter Cup Snookie by Michelle Edwards, and Quick Fried "Black Gold"

Truffles by Glen & Sherri Kusak.

The annual event requires several judges to face the trying task of taste testing all 10 finalists. This year's celebrity judges



Big Red Chicken Bread of Smokey John's Bar-B-Que (Photo credit: Kevin Brown/State Fair of Texas)

were Mayor of Dallas Eric Johnson; Adam Bazaldua – Dallas City Council – District 7; Samir Dhurandhar – founding chef of Nick & Sam's; Chad Houser – founder, CEO, and executive chef of Café Momentum; Kyle Noonan – owner of FreeRange Concepts, LeeAnne Locken – TV Personality, and Anastacia

Quiñones – executive chef at José.

Serving as the eighth judge, audience member Charles Archer from Rockwall, Texas was picked from the random drawing to fill the final spot as a special guest judge representing all fairgoers.

Fair fanatics can pick up a Visitor's Guide, which in-

cludes a food map that lays out the vendor locations for each of the finalists, or check out the food finder map on BigTex.com/Map, making it easy to map out your route and hit all the hot spots along the way. Visitor's Guides will be available at State Fair Information Booths, as well as online at BigTex.com.

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DFW Muslim Calendar of Events

Islamic Relief in partnership with Downtown Dallas' Masjid Al-Islam is having their annual **Day of Dignity** on Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is a day dedicated to handing out clothes, toys, food, health screenings, and supplies at Martin Luther King Center in Dallas. They are expecting over 1700 volunteers, so please pre-register.

The Valley Ranch Islamic Center is hosting a **DFW Halal Food Fest** on Oct. 5 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The address for the Islamic Center is 351 Ranchview Drive, Irving Texas 75063.

Valley Ranch Islamic Center and Islamic Center of Frisco have teamed up to plan a **Muslim Family Day** at the FC Dallas game on Oct. 6. Kickoff is at 3 p.m., and there will be a private tailgate before the game at 1:30 p.m.

Not Without My Hijab is a stage play examining the struggle faced by more young people than perhaps we realize. Aneesa is torn between donning her hijab with confidence while navigating life as a teen, she confronts the question. This play will be on Sept. 29 at the Eisemann Center in Richardson.

Lessons From A Dark Chapter In American History - On Sept. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m., Cair DFW presents Phil and Marion Shigekuni to offer reflections and advice to the Muslim Community. They are Japanese-American survivors of the World War II internment camps. This event will be held at the MAS Islamic Center on 1515 Blake Dr, Richardson, Texas 75081. Find tickets online at Eventbrite.

A local group quietly feeding Dallas homeless daily for three years



Badees Nouiouat
DFW Muslim Community News

On a rainy Friday afternoon, Hasanaat Muhammad pulls boxed lunches out of the trunk of his van parked at the intersection of Corsicana and Ervay Street. Nearby homeless individuals recognize the boxes and start to line up for food and water.

Suhaib Khalid started feeding the homeless three years ago in Ramadan of 2016. Restaurants offering Ramadan dinners often had extras, and he found a use for the leftover boxes of food. Filling the trunk of his car, he would drive to downtown Dallas with his family and distribute what he had to whoever wanted a warm dinner.

Fast forward a few weeks and Ramadan was over. By this time, many volunteers had found importance in the work they did and did not want to stop. Seeing the enthusiasm in the volunteers, Khalid set out to



Hasanaat Muhammad looks on with his children as two local homeless individuals receive the free meal offered.
(Image: Badees Nouiouat / NDG)

sustain the effort. He went knocking door to door in his neighborhood and asked if people could either provide food or volunteer to distribute it once a month.

The response was overwhelming. People provided the food, volunteers provided the time, and a monthly schedule was put in place to provide food to the homeless every day. Three years later, it's still going strong. So strong, in fact, that more people are wanting to volunteer than the monthly schedule can allow.

I joined Muhammad and his young children recently for his shift on the schedule. We departed the Islamic Center of Irving at 6 p.m. and arrived at a bridge well-known among volunteers from the program. It

is a deserted area lined with parking meters where many homeless members of our city reside.

Muhammad's kids ride their scooters and wave to homeless people while he and I pass out the boxes of spiced rice and meat along with a water bottle. As we hand out the boxes, we see faces light up with smiles, and hear mumbles of appreciation.

I ask Muhammad what motivates him to keep being involved in this program.

"When I am passing out the food, I feel such joy bringing happiness to these people," Muhammad shared. "Sometimes you can tell that this is the first meal they've had all day, and I want to continue to be someone that can provide that to them."

I can see why the volunteers feel so strongly about keeping the effort alive. Serving others is such a vital part of being a Muslim and a good human being. It humbles you. It shows you others are struggling more than you and reminds you of the blessings God has given you.

It is eye-opening to see how people living close to one another can lead such different lives. Dallas is a large city, and with that size comes a big disconnect between our communities. We have to not only care about ourselves or our families but about people in neighboring communities as well.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."
-John Bunyan

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on the cusp of achieving greatness.

"I definitely feel something special," wide receiver Tavon Austin said. "Win, lose, or draw, this is still a special team."

"I feel as if we proved that last year with our backs against the wall and how we came back. So this year it's more of a different approach. We know what we're capable of doing. It's all about all of us keeping up with our positions."

Gallup added that the Cowboys are very energized to tackle the task at hand.

"We went to the playoffs

last year, you know, got upset pretty bad," Gallup said.

"But we've got a little chip on our shoulders, so we should be ready to play."

Has Elliott's absence caused any uneasiness on the Cowboys' part?

"It's not strange, just because we understand the situation," wide receiver Amari Cooper said. "We're adults and understand this business."

In other words, the Cowboys genuinely understand that for them to reach their ultimate goal, they must have Ezekiel Elliott in the backfield as soon as possible.

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Ongoing House of Blues

Want a cool job in live music? House of Blues Dallas is hiring! Spruce up



your resume and join us on Monday, August 26th for a Job Fair in our Cambridge Room from 1-5PM. All departments are hiring. View job openings at <http://liveenationentertainment.com/careers>.

Sept. 6 #FirstFridayFair

Monthly #FirstFridayFair Business, Data & Tech (Virtual Event) - Dallas (#DFW) is Friday, Sept. 6. The data science and software development focussed career fair is delivered right at your desktop. No need to travel anywhere, just signup and wait for TAO.ai to organize your interactions. We've taken all the inefficiencies from the career fair and added everything that makes career fair a successful event. Just signup and experience the future of hiring delivered via TAO.ai.

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Sept. 10 Raytheon Event

Raytheon IIS is holding

a career fair to find top IT & Engineering professionals on Tuesday, September 10th from 11:00 am to 7:00pm to discuss opportunities with experienced professionals for open roles in in Richardson, TX; Indianapolis, IN; Dulles, VA; State College, PA; and Aurora, CO.

• Bring multiple copies of your resume with you

• This event is a Raytheon career fair- meet/speak to our managers 1:1!

• A minimum current/active Secret in the last two years is required to attend.

• U.S. citizenship required.

Tuesday, September 10th, 11am to 7pm at the Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel, 1701 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

RSVP @ <http://raytheon.avature.net/RTNEng?jobId=3472&source=LinkedIn>

Sept. 11 DeSoto Works Fall Job Fair

Looking for a job? Looking for a career switch? Looking for a part-time or seasonal position? The DeSoto Works Fall Job Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

This event is in collaboration with: City of DeSoto, DeSoto Economic Development Corporation, Disciple Central Community Church, the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce, and Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas

Register on Eventbrite.

Sept. 11 IT Job Fair

Calling all IT, Cyber Security, and Project Management Professionals! LeaderQuest Dallas is hosting an IT Job Fair on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. They have invited employer partners to come and meet and speak with job seekers at their campus. Hiring managers will be filling open positions, so If you're looking to kick your career into high gear, dress professionally, bring several copies of your current resume, and

get ready to connect.

This event is especially suited for:

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- LeaderQuest Dallas Students/Alumni
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Sept. 17 Case Managers Hiring Event

Job fair for case managers on Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Job Fair is free to attend. Please come dressed business attire and bring copies of your current resume.

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Sept. 19 UD Job Fair

The University of Dallas Job & Internship Fair hosted by the Office of Personal Career Development is scheduled for Sept. 19. Students and alumni from the undergraduate and graduate programs will be in attendance.

These candidates will be seeking internship, part-

time, and full-time opportunities that will provide professional industry experience.

If you are an employer and would like to be invited to the next job fair held by the University of Dallas, email Christina Nguyen at mnguyen1@udallas.edu.

Sept. 19 Champions of Diversity Job Fair

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September 7

September 8, 9:45 am
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September 11, 7 pm

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You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous (Matthew 5:43-46).

If you are a leader you will have conflict sooner or later. How you manage conflict will determine how good of a leader you will be. Jesus handled conflict in many different ways. Sometimes he confronted the issue head-on, other times He ignored the accusation and went on His way. Sometimes He chose to wash the feet of those who attacked Him.

Dr. Martin Luther King, father of the United States

civil rights movement modeled conflict management in the following way:

"On Christmas Day, 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered a sermon at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. It was based on this passage and the sermon title was, 'Loving Your Enemy.' Through the course of his sermon, Dr. King suggested three ways by which we can do just that.

First, we must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. Such forgiveness doesn't mean that we ignore the wrong committed against us. Rather it means that we will no longer allow the wrong to be a barrier to the relationship.

Forgiveness, according to Dr. King, 'is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning.'

Second, we must recognize that the wrong we've suffered doesn't entirely represent the other person's identity. We need to acknowledge that our opponent, like each one of



Ursula Barber, a Bethel Bible Fellowship member was recently blessed with the presents of her son; Lieutenant Commander Andre Barber, U.S. Navy; a 2004 graduate of R.L. Turner High School and a 2008 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy where he obtained a degree in Quantitative Economics and a commission as a Naval Officer in the Submarine community. LCDR Barber completed the Navy Nuclear Power Program training in Charleston, SC and obtained a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. He has proudly served for 11 years. He has completed 5 Strategic Deterrent Patrols, a Western Pacific Deployment and a Eastern Pacific Deployment. LCDR Barber has recently served as the Weapons Officer onboard the USS HENRY M JACKSON, a ballistic missile submarine and is transitioning to the Command for Submarine Pacific Force Operations in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

us, possesses both bad and good qualities. We must choose to find the good and focus on it.

Third, we must not seek to defeat or humiliate our opponent, but to win his or her friendship and understanding. Such an attitude

flows not from ourselves, but from God as His unconditional love works through us.

As followers of Christ who seek to lead as He led, we must remember that the more freely we forgive, the more clearly we reveal the

nature of our Heavenly Father."*

Today, be proactive about forgiving those who have been the source of pain in your life.

Talk to our Heavenly Father, tell Him that you are so moved by the realization that there are children, babies through adults, whose parents abandoned them or who have lost their parents for one reason or another, maybe prison or death has taken them.

Pray for comfort, peace, love, and presence that only God can provide them. Pray that God will fill that void they have in their hearts and homes.

Pray that someone will go and tell them; even more

SHOW them God's love, so that they will be complete. Ask God to heal their hearts and let them know that they are precious. They are not a cast-away. They have value in God's sight and in their world.

Ask God to send them devoted Christian friends to surround them and encourage them, and great Christian leaders to guide them. Ask God to meet their every need—spiritual, emotional, physical.

And, pray that each one will recognize their special place in the world and God's divine purpose for their life. May God's blessings abound as they look to our Father and Maker; in Jesus' precious name.

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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Dr. James L. Snyder

Normally, I'm not a superstitious sort of a person. But then again there is a good case to be made that I am really not normal.

Several things happened this past week emphasizing this feeling of mine, and I am not at all convinced that it is simply coincidental.

It all started when the computer at the church was viciously attacked by a computer virus. Who do you call when your computer has a virus? And,

what in the world is a virus doing inside my computer? Doesn't it have something better to do?

I do not know all that is associated with this computer business but I do know the outcome of a computer virus. I was merrily working along on my keyboard when suddenly, out of nowhere (what is cyberspace anyway) my computer screen began to disintegrate before my eyes. By the time I had closed my mouth the whole business was over.

Then I had a brilliant idea. Actually, I am not sure it was a brilliant idea because I get so few ideas they all seem brilliant. I remembered something on

the computer called the "re-store point."

After some finagling with the thingamajig (pardon the

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NDG Book Review: *Reading Behind Bars* will have you locked down

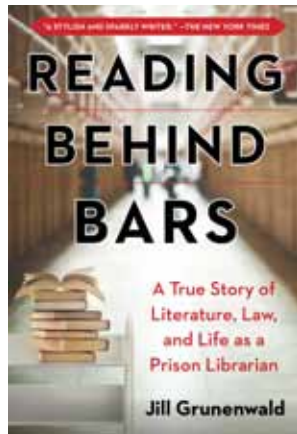
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Everyone knows you'll read anywhere.

At work, if you can sneak a page. In the park, in your car, on a tractor between wagons, in every room of your house, in the yard. In the bathtub, on a plane, you're never far from a book. Yep, you'll read anywhere – even, as in the new book “Reading Behind Bars” by Jill Grunenwald, after the cuffs come off.

Jill Grunenwald didn't originally aim to become a librarian.

True, she'd loved working part-time at a library when she was a teen and



she “practically lived and breathed books,” but she set her sights on a creative writing degree. Two years later, the light dawned and Grunenwald realized library-as-career was where she needed to be. Her first

job: a Library Assistant position at the Lorain Correctional Institution in a small town outside Cleveland, Ohio.

“When I pictured my very first day as a professional librarian,” she says, “it did not involve getting handcuffed.”

But that's what happened, since Grunenwald – or “Ms. G,” as the inmates came to call her – had to complete a staff safety class that included sampling the other side of the bars. She also had to have a constant knowledge of rules that the inmates lived by; lack of knowledge, as she learned quickly, could cost her the

job. Befriending inmates was also a risky, even dangerous, endeavor. For her own safety, all personal problems had to be left “at the gate,” which left no room for dealing with them. Trust was a shaky and often rare commodity, and there was ugliness between the stacks.

And yet, the job had its moments of perfection for a book-geek: Grunenwald was buoyed by the thirty-something man who begged to learn about the classics, and by the inmate who dreamed of being a librarian, too, someday.

Overall, it was a great job – until the “little things,

adding up over the course of twenty months” began to truly bother Grunenwald. She wanted better hours and a different direction. She'd loved the opportunity she'd been given and she'd learned so much in prison, but it was time to “escape”...

A reminder: you have the right to remain silent. But with “Reading Behind Bars,” you won't want to.

Nope, you'll want to share and discuss this book, preferably with another book lover because it speaks to people like you in so many ways, from literary references to insider peeks at the workings of a small

community library. It's a reader's read inside a lively, funny memoir, and author Jill Grunenwald tells it in a style that feels authentic. It can also be cutesy sometimes, too, and can border on the profane, but it's got enough of the right information and plenty of great anecdotes to keep readers engaged and to make you forgive such digressions.

Library lovers will want to check this book out. Readers of prison literature will find it arresting. If you're just curious about behind-the-scenes at a different kind of library, “Reading Behind Bars” will have you under lockdown.

Breaking Barriers in Ballet: Misty Copeland Set to Receive Trailblazer Award

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Misty Copeland had the world of ballet standing still, when she made history as the first Black female principal dancer to the prestigious American Ballet Theatre (ABT) in 2015, just months after becoming the first Black woman to perform the lead role of “Odette” in ABT's coveted “Black Swan” in the winter of 2014.

Determined to shatter the glass ceiling of the ballet world, on Sep. 11, the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) will honor Misty Copeland with their esteemed Trailblazer Award during the CBC's annual “Celebration of the Arts” event—an award that Copeland deemed as not only an honor but also a necessity.

“It's so important for



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other Black dancers to see a possibility, a future for themselves, in a world that still doesn't include many other Black ballerinas,” Copeland said.

“There's definitely still a glass ceiling in the ballet world,” Copeland continued. “There's only one Black principal dancer in the American Ballet Theatre in their entire almost 80-year history and a lot of people don't have the understanding that just because it's been done once, doesn't mean that that problem goes away... having one Black president

didn't mean that racism didn't exist.”

“If I didn't have art in my life, then I wouldn't be the articulate, confident person that I am today. Fields in STEM are important but the arts are also so vital... not every child learns the same way and sometimes the missing link is art.”

Growing up as the fourth child of six in underserved areas of San Pedro, California, Copeland spoke to a time where she and her five other siblings found themselves all living in a small motel after her mother's marriage to her fourth

husband became abusive — both emotionally and physically — to Copeland's mother and all of her children.

Despite the economic and social hardships, Copeland said that she was able to find solace and her voice through the world of dance. At the age of 13, the ballet lessons that she began taking at the local Boys and Girls Club would eventually allow her to move in with her teacher's family and eventually prepare her to make history.

“It's been 25 years now that I've been a part of classical ballet and I still have that same fire,” Copeland said. “I think for me it was initially out of my own need, as a 13-year old girl growing up in underprivileged areas, to find structure, something I never had, and dance provided exactly what I needed for that time

in my life.”

“I represent ballet and any child that needs to see someone persevere,” Copeland continued. “What it means to be an underdog and to be mentored and have an amazing support system and represent that American dream.”

Since joining the American Ballet Theatre in 2001, Copeland has gone on to be inducted into the Boys & Girls Club National Hall of Fame; serve on the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition, under the Obama administration; publish three books, including the New York Times Bestselling memoir, “Life in Motion,” secure her own clothing line with Under Armour; and receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Hartford. All the while Copeland has been an ardent believer in reminding others that “repre-

sentation is important.”

“I'm still a Black ballerina and a Black woman in this world and that doesn't just disappear with titles,” Copeland said. “The more I use my visibility, my platform, my voice, to continue to speak about diversity both in front of the scenes and behind them, the more I'll be able to help change the directory of dance.”

“A lot of underserved areas and youth either don't receive access to dance courses or don't receive quality training, which limits their chances of going even further when that time comes,” Copeland continued. “My hope, is that with my platform, I can continue this conversation to bring about change, to show younger people how to own their own power, to embrace who they are, to walk in their own path and to be represented.”

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technical terms) I managed to find the Restore Point and in a few minutes, voilà (pardon my French), the computer was back to where it was before the virus hit it. I do not know how it works, all I know is it worked and I was elated.

I was back to my work schedule and quite pleased with myself and was riding pretty high when suddenly

the lights flickered and then went out completely. There was no electricity in the church building.

It was my privilege to call our friendly energy company and request a service call. To my delight within an hour, the service truck from the electric company arrived on the scene. After a thorough investigation, the repairman discovered the

trouble. I was rather worried that there was a major problem inside the church building that would cost thousands of dollars to repair.

But I was to be delighted for the second time that day when the repairman informed me of the nature of the trouble. It seems the trouble was on the outside of the building. As everyone knows, that is the responsibility of the electric

company.

The problem turned out to be of the varmint kind. A nut-challenged squirrel had eaten through one of the major electric lines on the outside of the building thus cutting off all electricity from going inside the building.

“Here's your problem, Rev,” the repairman said with a big grin smeared on his face. With that, he held up a nicely fried squirrel.

With the electric back on and at my computer purring like a kitten, I thought of a verse of Scripture. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28 KJV).

Sometimes little things can frustrate us. But no person is defined by any one day or one incident. These little problems are usually

temporary and serve only as a reminder that we are not in charge of anything at all.

Does anybody have a recipe for fried squirrel?

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