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First day brings smiles, fist bumps to schools across Dallas ISD



prepare them for success he praised the parents at Booker T. Washington High School for the Visual and Performing Arts.

"I love to see the excitement that is on everyone's face today," Sneed said. "We have a lot to be proud of, and I know this will be the best school year yet."

To mark his 40th year in education, Hinojosa personally greeted dozens of families to welcome them back to school. In addition to thanking the educators and community partners,

who are invaluable to their students' success.

"Everyone in our community plays an important role in laying the groundwork for student success in the classroom and beyond, and to each of you, I say thank you," Hinojosa said.

Meanwhile, Trustees Joyce Foreman, Karla Garcia, Maxie Johnson and Dan Micciche also visited schools and greeted families back to school.

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DALLAS — Taylor Jones had four words for her son before he started his first day of school at Martin Center.

"Terrance, you've got Sneed.

his mom to the welcoming committee waiting in front of the school, including fist Accelerating

bumps Superintendent Michael Hinojosa, cheers from Trustees Justin Henry and Luther King Jr. Learning Miguel Solis, and hugs from Principal Romikianta

"Welcome back to school, Terrance walked from we are so excited you're here!" Sneed said.

> part the Campus

Excellence initiative, MLK Jr. Learning Center has seen tremendous growth, rising from an "F" to a "B" school. The school is also looking to become an exploratory campus-referred to as the ""Future Home of an Exploratory Fine Arts Academy"-that will foster



Uber to open regional hub in Dallas, resulting in 3,000 jobs



will receive a \$24 million Texas officials and open a

DALLAS (AP) — Uber new administrative hub in Dallas, bringing with it incentive package from about 3,000 jobs, Gov. Greg Abbott announced Tuesday.

The offices that will open in the historic Deep Ellum section of Dallas will house various corporate functions, officials said.

Abbott said in a statement that the state's "business-friendly environment makes Texas the perfect home for innovative companies like Uber."

Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said in the same statement that Dallas was the first city in Texas where the Uber ride-sharing app became available

in 2012. He says, "Texas has been a hub of innovation for our platform."

The jobs created by the regional hub will result in a \$400 million annual payroll, officials said.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, the county's top administrator, said the move "will provide a huge boost to our urban core with a positive wave that will spread across our entire county and region."

Uber, which has its headquarters in San Francisco, offers ride-hailing services

along with food delivery and other forms of transportation. It has yet to turn a profit and lost \$1 billion in the first quarter of 2019. Executives have said it could take years to make

money. The company announced in July that it has launched "comfort" rides in dozens of cities. Riders are guaranteed 36 inches of legroom in "newer" cars_meaning those that are under five years old_and they can request a preferred air

temperature. Riders can also use the app to tell drivers they don't want to chat, avoiding what some consider an awkward exchange.

In June, Uber said it would team with Volvo Cars to launch its newest self-driving vehicle. The company said it can easily install its self-driving system in the Volvo XC90 SUV. Uber and Volvo cars partnered in September 2016. This is the third car they've developed togeth-

After Five Years, NY Police Officer Who Chokes Eric Garner to Death on Video is Finally Fired

By Lauren Victoria Pantaleo stopped Garner **Contributor**

City Police Commissioner James O'Neill announced Pantaleo. Pantaleo. Pantaleo choked Eric Garner, 43, to death on a sidewalk in Staten Island New York on

Burke, NNPA Newswire for selling loose cigarettes.

The video of Garner begging for his life and repeat-On August 19, New York ing the words "I can't breathe" eleven times, catapulted the case into the the firing of Officer Daniel national spotlight and made it an often-mentioned example of police brutality.

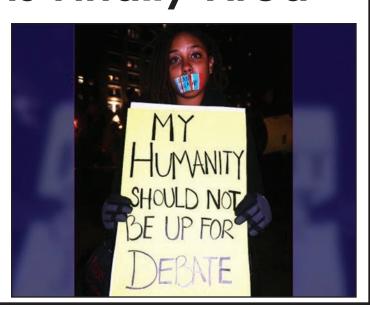
Pantaleo later was July 17, 2014, after assigned to desk duty and

months after the Garner killing, a Staten Island grand jury declined to indict Pantaleo. Then-District Attorney Dan Donovan made the decision and was later elected to Congress.

In his August 19 announcement, NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill said he expects

had his salary raised. Five rank and file officers to be upset with him for firing Pantaleo. "If I was still a cop, I would probably be mad at me." Police in New York have long been accustomed to winning political battles in public and rarely does the Commissioner admit mistakes by individual officers.

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AFRICAN AMERICANS SAVED CADILLAC



Mabra Holeyfield

At the turn of the 20th century the automobile entered the American scene. During that period there was a proliferation of car manufacturers. In 1903 alone 57 companies came into existence and 27 went bankrupt. Over the years numerous models were introduced that are now a distant memory Studebaker and Hudson come to mind. But the Cadillac, introduced in 1903 is still going strong. However, at one point it was also on the chopping block but was saved at the last moment.

The Cadillac was General Motors' top of the line and most expensive product. But the great depression of the thirties caused the automobile market, as a whole, to shrink drastically and the luxury segment to virtually collapse. In 1928 General manufactured Motors 1,709,763 vehicles of which 41,172 were Cadillacs. By 1933 GM production was down to 779,029 total vehicles. That year only 6,736 Cadillacs were sold, a decline

Cadillac was losing so much money that it was obvious that management was going to pull the plug. A meeting of the GM Executive Committee was called to do just that. During the meeting a man named Nicholas Dreystadt, who was not invited, knocked on the door and asked to be heard for just 10 minutes.

Dreystadt was a gifted mechanic and had been put in charge of GM Service Departments nationwide.

Dreystadt stated that he had a plan to make Cadillac profitable in 18 months. While traveling around the country visiting service departments, he observed a significant number of African Americans in the service department at Cadillac dealerships. They were members of the tiny African American elite: boxers, entertainers, lawyers, doctors, and ministers. At that time, it was GM's policy not to allow its dealerships to sell Cadillacs to Blacks. GM felt that it would not be good for the image of their luxury

Dreystadt found out that blacks were paying white men \$300.00 to purchase the cars for them. Dreystadt

the Executive Committee to go after this market. Why should a bunch of white men get several hundred dollars each when that profit could go to General Motors? The Board bought his reasoning and in 1934 Cadillac sales increased by 70%. In June 10, 1934 Dreystadt was made Head of the Cadillac Division.

Obviously, the purchasing power of African Americans have saved many corporations. Hopefully one day we will use that purchasing power to save major corporations owned by us.

Mabra Holeyfieid, in his book "Use What You Got" applies his business experience to offer strategies to address poverty in the black community. Available to Amazon.com.

The Great March on Galveston

By Jeffrey L. Boney, NNPA **Newswire Contributor**

Back on August 3rd, Donald Neely was arrested by Galveston police after he allegedly committed the crime of criminal trespassing at a commercial property located at 306 22nd Street, and after allegedly being warned not to do trespass on the property several times before.

It was not the arrest of Neely that caused a stir, it was the way in which he was detained that has caught the attention of people across the country, including many civil rights activists and attorneys. This action caught the immediate attention of several witnesses, who took the pictures and shared them on social

News of the arrest spread like wildfire, after a couple of shocking photos appeared on social media showing two White, uniformed Galveston Mounted Patrol Officers escorting Neely, who is Black, down the middle of 23rd Street in Galveston like a runaway slave; handcuffing him with his hands behind his back and leading him by rope down the street like a captured animal as they rode their individual horses down the street.

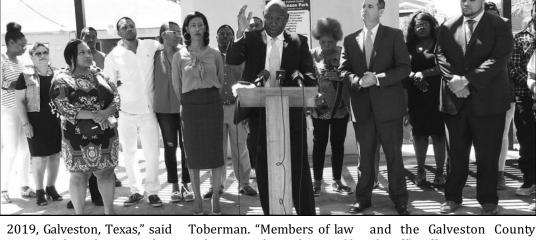
Neely, 43, suffers from

mental illness. According to Neely's family, he has suffered from mental illness for over a decade and had been homeless based off their last known interaction. The family had not seen him in roughly four years, but saw the disrespectful and dehumanizing photos of him circulating online.

According to a statement released by the Galveston Police Department, they state that "when a police car was not immediately available, he (Neely) was escorted by mounted police officers about four blocks to a nearby staging area."

National civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump held a major press conference on August 12th, calling on the Galveston Police Department to release the body camera footage of the incident to be able to determine whether Neely's civil rights may have been violated.

"This isn't 1819. This is



Department should have no problem releasing the body cam video, so we can see with our own eyes the content of the character of these two officers; based off of how they talked to and how they treated this unarmed Black citizen who suffered from mental illness."

Nearly 170 years ago, the federal government passed the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which gave individuals known as "slave catchers" the legal mandate to go anywhere in the country to locate and prosecute runaway slaves and return them to their slave masters.

These slave catchers were usually individual citizens who were paid to catch runaway slaves, and some were members of local law enforcement. Nevertheless, the majority of these slave catchers were known to ride horses, as well as use ropes and chains to secure the runaway slaves, making them walk behind or beside their horses until they reached their destination.

Fast forward to 2019, and we see that the slave catcher model has reared its ugly head once again; this time in Galveston.

One of the people who received a copy of the picture and shared it on social media, is a former Galveston resident named Toberman, who is White and whose father was a police captain.

At the press conference, Toberman spoke reporters and made some strong and salient points about the incident. "I'm a White woman and I

have nothing but respect for law enforcement and I know how hard their job can be, because my father was a Captain," police

me that if I see something, I should say something. Well, I saw something and I said something, but now I'm being told that I shouldn't have saw anything or said anything. That isn't right."

Crump said that once Galveston Police Department releases the video and they can determine the content of the character of the officers involved to be in line with what the police department is saying, they will leave, but until then they do not plan on leaving the city.

"We are not going anywhere," said Crump. "As a matter of fact, if you don't release the video in 30 days, we are going to invite other civil rights advocates, mental health advocates and human rights advocates, and we will have a great march on Galveston. We are going to march down the same street that you dragged Donald Neely down by rope."

State Senator Borris L. Miles released a statement regarding the Galveston Police Department Mounted Patrol incident, stating:

"I condemn Officer P. Brosch and A. Smith for their actions during this arrest and for unnecessarily subjecting Mr. Neely to that public humiliation. I applaud Galveston Police Chief Vernon Hale for his swift response and apology to Mr. Neely. I ask him to consider disciplinary actions against those two officers and to institute department-wide sensitivity training to ensure that officers, present and future understand why this was wrong, why it was inhumane and why it was downright racist."

Crump set the deadline date to release the video for September 15. In the meantime, both the Texas Rangers

Crump. "The Galveston Police enforcement have always told Sheriff's Office are investigating the controversial arrest. In expressing their seriousness about the release of the video, Crump led attendees in a chant to demand its release, "Say chanting, Mo'...Release the Video."

> According to the Galveston Police Department, the body cameras were functional and were live during the encounter with Neely, so now it boils down to the actual release of the footage.

Galveston Police Chief Vernon Hale and Galveston City Manager Brian Maxwell, both made statements expressing their belief that the officers may have used poor judgment regarding the incident and the officer's handling of Neely.

"Although this is a best practice in certain scenarios, I don't think it was the best practice at this point in time," said Chief Hale.

Chief Hale has stated that his department has ended the use of this practice effective immediately. However, this is not good enough for Neely's family, his attorneys and for many community advocates who have been riveted by this incident.

Time will tell if the Galveston Police Department will comply with Crump's demands and inquiring minds want to know what exactly they will hear and see once the footage is released.

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When: Saturday, August 31, 2019

Where: 900 NE Loop 820, Hurst, TX 76053

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"A SURYEY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS" **ROMANS 16:1-27** PERSONAL GREETINGS TO WONDER-**FUL CHRISTIAN HELPERS**

In the final chapter of this grand epistle, the Apostle Paul extends commendable remarks with regard to individuals who aided him in the gospel ministry. The first individual that received praise from Paul was Phoebe in verses 1-2. Phoebe occupied a prominent place in the church; she was a servant of the church in Cenchrea, a seaport east of Corinth.

Having praised Phoebe for her work in verses 1-2, Paul in verses 3-4 sends greeting to a special couple he met as tentmakers in Corinth whose names were Priscilla and Aquila. They were very dear to Paul and had a profound ministry in Corinth (Acts 18:1-3). This wonderful couple was a great aid to the ministry of Apollos in Ephesus (Acts 18:19), for Acts 18:26 says – "And he (Apollos) began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto

them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." Not only was this couple a great help to Paul in his ministry, but the Apostle Paul disclosed that Aquila and Priscilla risked their lives for Paul (v. 4).

Moreover, Paul continues to send a special greeting to another Christian by the name of Epaenetus, who Paul said was the "first fruits of Achaia unto Christ" (v. 5). Epaenetus' name in the Greek means "praised." In verse 6, Mary is mentioned for her labor. She labored to the point of exhaustion. What a wonderful testimony, for our churches need more "Marys"! The two individuals referred to in verse 7 were held in high regard by the Apostle Paul. He probably met them in one of the numerous prisons of the Roman Empire. From verses 8-16, Paul continued to communicate high praises to various Christian individuals, conveying his tender affection for these individuals. Paul ends this commendable tender section by saying in verse 16 -"Salute one another with a holy kiss." As we greet one another with kisses, let's make sure that they are holy!

In his final remarks to this church, Paul cautioned the believers to watch out for spiritual enemies. We are to stay away from false teachers who are not serving Christ (vs. 17-18). False teachers are good at deceiving the minds of naïve people. Paul was glad that these believers were obedient, but he was concerned that they were "wiser unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil" (v. 19). Paul noted in verse 20 that Satan's power in influencing false teachers will be destroyed, for verse 20 says - "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." From verses 21-24, Paul sends greetings from many associates who were with him as he wrote this epistle to the Romans. Paul closes this grand epistle with a wonderful benediction in verses 25-27 which begin "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ."

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Parkland Memorial Hospital staff includes 24 International Board Certified Lactation Consultants available 24/7 for

port new moms through education, assistance and encouragement to reach their breastfeeding goals. Parkland also operates an outpatient Newborn Follow-Up and Lactation Clinic for immediate care of weight loss, jaundice and breastfeeding issues. Staffed by pediatric and family nurse practitioners and lactation consultants, the specialty clinic provides care to approximately 200 babies per month. In addition, Parkland partners with the City of Dallas WIC Lactation Care Center, supporting breastfeeding patients upon discharge home from the hospital.

"Choosing to breastfeed requires commitment and lots of practice," said Valencia Moore, RN, IBCLC, Lactation Consultant Supervisor at Parkland. "We want our families to know that breastfeeding provides health benefits not only for baby, but for moms as well. Most importantly, breastfeeding reduces maternal and child mortality."

More than seven years ago, Parkland began a multidisciplinary approach to implement the necessary processes to become a Baby-Friendly Hospital. "We are proud of our staff's dedication and perseverance in implementing the practices to support, promote and protect breastfeeding that merit this recogni-

tion," Moore said. Last year on average, 34 babies were born every 24 hours at Parkland – one out of every 250 babies born in the U.S. During fiscal year 2018, Parkland tallied a total of 12,583 deliveries and 240,481 women's clinic

DALLAS - Baby-Friendly mothers of newborns to sup- Breastfeeding education is during their prenatal visits at Parkland's women health cen-

> The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) states that human milk provides virtually all the protein, sugar and fat babies need to be healthy and provides substances that protect them against a wide variety of diseases and infections. The benefits can be seen not only while breastfeeding, but in some cases, long after being weaned. Formula cannot offer

> this protection. Research by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) shows that mothers who breastfeed recover from childbirth more quickly and easily, experience reduced rates of breast and ovarian cancer later in life and have a lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and cardiovascular disease, including high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Another added benefit for breastfeeding mothers is weight loss.

> The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) also promote breastfeeding as one of the most effective preventive measures a mother can take to protect the health of her infant.

Further information about Baby-Friendly the U.S. Hospital Initiative may be visiting obtained bv www.babyfriendlyusa.org. For more information about Parkland services, visit www.parklandhospital.com

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Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson Announces Mayor's Task Force on Safe Communities

DALLAS, TEXAS - Mayor Eric Johnson on Monday announced he has created a new task force - his first since taking office nine weeks ago — aimed at curbing violence in communities throughout the city.

The Mayor's Task Force on Safe Communities will gather community input and build consensus around data-driven solutions that can stop and prevent violent crime in Dallas without exclusive reliance on law enforcement action.

"I believe in the Dallas Police Department," Mayor Johnson said in his remarks at a press conference Monday. "And I believe that the Dallas Police Department's focus on guns, gangs, and drugs is both smart and necessary to help reduce violent crime in our city.

"But we can't ask or expect law enforcement to do it all. To paraphrase one of our former police chiefs, we already ask cops to do too much. Police have to be social workers. They have to deal with mental health and drug addiction and cycles of abuse. And we've asked law enforcement to do all of these things in an environment where illegal guns are far too easy for criminals to obtain."

The task force's goal is to develop recommendations and report back to the mayor before the end of the year.

To lead the task force, the mayor selected three co-chairs: Pastor Michael Bowie, senior pastor at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church; Rene Martinez, a longtime educator and community activist; and Alan Cohen, president & CEO of the Child Poverty Action Lab. The mayor will announce the task force's other members

"I'm grateful to all three of these dedicated community leaders for their service," Mayor Johnson said.

The co-chairs have released the following statements about Mayor Johnson tapping them to lead the task force:

"Ending this scourge of violence will start with taking steps in our own communities and being willing to carry each other's burdens. The work ahead will be challenging, but I am confident the collective wisdom and spirit of this task force will serve this city well." - Pastor Michael Bowie

"I have seen over many years the ups and downs of crime in Dallas over many decades. I have always tried to be part of the solution. In my lifetime of community public service and leadership, I have learned how much we can accomplish when we unite around a cause. So I'm honored that the mayor has asked me to once again serve my community by helping make Dallas a safer place to live in." - Rene Martinez

"I am honored that Mayor Johnson has asked me to co-chair this Task Force. To achieve lasting impact on issues as complex as crime and public safety, I believe strongly in taking an inclusive approach that combines the use of data-driven insights with the lived-experience of community members. So I look forward to hearing from citizens and stakeholders seeking actionable solutions to improve safety for all Dallas residents." – Alan Cohen

LOCAL EVENTS

We wanted to invite you all to this exciting installment of Hard Conversations: You Can't Arrest Your Way Out of Homelessness

What and Who: One of the major reforms introduced by Dallas County District Attorney, John Creuzot, is to cease prosecuting persons experiencing homelessness and poverty, for "not having a place to go," or for "non-violent crimes committed out of necessity," since, "criminalizing poverty is counter-productive for our community's health and safety."

In this installment of Hard Conversations, Mr. Creuzot will elaborate on this reform, the data that backs it up, and how it can help our community make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.

When and Where: Wednesday, September 18 2019, 12.00-1.30pm, in the Auditorium (1st Floor) of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas, Texas 75201. Follow signs to underground parking on Wood St. Coffee and water provided. Attendees may bring brown-bag lunches.

Sponsors: MDHA and the Dallas Public Library RSVP: https://mdhawithdallasda.eventbrite.com

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After Five Years, NY Police Officer Who Chokes Eric Garner to Death on Video is Finally Fired

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"In this case, the unintended consequence of Mr. Garner's death must have a consequence of its own," O'Neill stated. "There are absolutely no victors here today," he added.

"After five long years, justice finally breathes. But firing this guy is just the beginning," wrote Professor Ibram Kendi of American University moments after the news was released.

The head of the Police union in New York had another view.

"He will lose his police department," said Patrick Lynch, president of the city's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Eric Garner's death on video at the hands of Pantaleo occurred less than a month before the shooting death of unarmed teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. by police Officer Darren Wilson.

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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Dallas Mavericks welcome students at Dade Middle School



DALLAS — NBA players, members of the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees and the superintendent welcomed the students at Dade Middle School on the first day of classes Monday, Aug. 19.

"Dallas loves you. The Dallas Mavericks love you. Our school board loves you," Dallas ISD Superintendent

Hinojosa said. "There's a whole lot of love in this house. We're going to have a fantastic year, and I'm so excited to welcome you on the first day of the best year of your life."

Members of the Mavs ManiACC performance squad demonstrated stunts and dunks. Dallas Mavericks players J.J. Barea and Justin



Jackson shot hoops with a group of students.

"It is important that you treat each other well. That you respect each other and that you make the most out of this school year. All while having fun!" Barea said.

The team is also donating equipment to all Dallas ISD middle schools and high

schools, said Cynt Marshall, CEO of the Dallas Mavericks. Each school will receive a set of 12 basketballs, gym floor mats, a ball bag and a gym banner. Every middle school and high school student will receive a set of headphones, a Mavs FIT Booklet and a drawstring bag.

The total value of their



donation: \$317,697.

"It means so much to us. And we got a chance to focus on fitness," Marshall said. "These kids are our future. What I'm hoping they got out of it is how important educa-

Jefferson Dental Care, one of the sponsors of this back to school pep-rally, provided a dental hygiene kit for every

student at Dade. The Dallas Mavericks are a valued partner and we are glad they continue to support our Dallas ISD schools.

Cowboys, LB Smith agree on extension amid Elliott holdout

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — When Dallas Cowboys announced a contract extension for Jaylon Smith, it was first a celebration of the linebacker's journey from a careerthreatening knee injury in college to one of the NFL's richest

contracts at his position. Of course, it didn't take long for the focus to turn to holdout running back Ezekiel Elliott, or the question of deals for quarterback Dak Prescott and receiver Amari Cooper with each entering the final year of his rookie contract.

"There is less pie left," owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday. "Make no bones about it. There is less pie."

Smith and the Cowboys agreed on a \$64 million, fiveyear extension with \$33.5 million guaranteed for the 2016 second-round pick. The average annual value of \$12.8 million on the extension is among the top five for inside lineback-

The 24-year-old essentially lost a year on his rookie contract because Smith spent his rookie season on the non-football injury list after the devastating left knee injury in his final game at Notre Dame, where was an All-American in

Both sides said the deal came together in a matter of days amid continuing talk of the missing Elliott, the twotime rushing champion who wants a new contract while having two years left on the current one. Elliott's holdout has lasted almost a month.

"For me it's about being a Dallas Cowboy for life," Smith said. "Really, technically, with the tender year, the Cowboys have my rights for two more years. For us to get an extension like this, is just a testament to how much we love one another and we believe in one another as well."

Smith started all 16 games for the Cowboys last season, when he was second on the team in tackles (150) and tackles for loss (five). He played in all 16 games, with six starts,

when he made his NFL debut in 2017.

Before nerve damage associated with tearing a ligament in his knee during Notre Dame's 44-28 loss to Ohio State in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day 2016, Smith was considered a top prospect. While plenty of teams wondered if he could play again, the Cowboys took him with the 34th overall pick.

"He has never complained," Jones said while fighting his emotions. "He has never

wavered. Never missed a workout. And he's never quit. Not one time. His story is one that I would have done anything to be sure that it could be sure that it could be a Dallas Cowboys story."

Smith struggled in his first season, in part because the Cowboys had to rely on him more than planned because of injuries to Sean Lee. The progress was dramatic last year as the defense helped keep Dallas in contention while the offense struggled.

News You Ought to Know

DPS: Troopers fatally shot driver who pulled gun in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety says troopers fatally shot a driver who pulled a handgun on them after fleeing a traffic stop in Dallas.

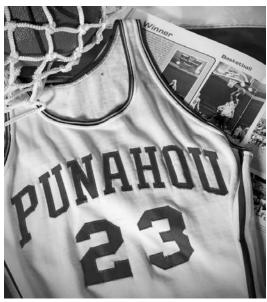
DPS says two troopers tried to stop the driver for a traffic violation on Saturday night but the driver fled. DPS says that about five minutes later, the driver pulled into a residential driveway.

DPS savs the driver, who was alone in the vehicle, then pulled a handgun on the troopers as they approached. The troopers opened fire, striking the driver, who died at the hospital. The driver's handgun was recovered at the

The troopers were not injured.

DPS says the Dallas County district attorney's office and the Texas Rangers are investigating.

Obama's high school basketball jersey sells for \$120,000



Heritage Auctions via AP

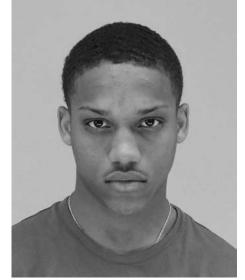
DALLAS (AP) — A basketball jersey believed to have been worn by former President Barack Obama while he was at a Honolulu prep school has sold at auction for \$120,000.

Heritage Auctions said the jersey sold Saturday night in Dallas to a collector of American and sports artifacts who didn't wish to be identified.

The jersey was offered by Peter Noble, who was three years behind Obama at Punahou School. Noble, now 55 and living in Seattle, said the jersey was destined for the trash when he picked it up. Years later he saw an old photo of Obama wearing a No. 23 jersey while at school

The auction house says details on the shirt match the one Obama is photographed wear-

Suspect in shooting mistake that killed girl, 9, surrenders



Tyrese Simmons (Dallas County Sheriff's Office via AP)

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say their suspect in the shooting mistake that killed a 9year-old girl has turned himself in to authori-

A police statement says 19-year-old selfdescribed rapper Tyrese Simmons surrendered Thursday at the Dallas County jail. He is held without bond in the shooting death of

Brandoniya Bennett. The shooting happened Wednesday afternoon at an apartment building in the Old East Dallas section just northeast of downtown. Police said Thursday that Simmons went to the building to confront another rapper who had disparaged him on social media. When the other man refused to come out, police say Simmons went to the back of the apartment building and opened fire on the wrong apartment, wounding Bennett.

Texas woman pleads guilty to making up son's illnesses

DALLAS (AP) - A Texas woman accused of exposing her son to unneeded medical tests and procedures has pleaded guilty to recklessly causing injury to a child.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that Kaylene Bowen-Wright pleaded guilty Thursday in Dallas County court. Sentencing for the 35-year-old, who faces up to 20 years in prison, is set for October.

CPS removed the boy from her care in 2017 after it was alerted by a Dallas hospital that medical staff determined he didn't have cancer or many of the symptoms Bowen report-

On Friday the boy's father, Ryan Crawford, told the newspaper: "I am happy that she decided to do the right thing. Eventually the lies had to stop."

Crawford is now the sole managing conservator of the now 10-year-old.

> Ransomware attack hits more than 20 **Texas local** governments

By KATHLEEN FOODY and JAKE **BLEIBERG**

DALLAS (AP) — More than 20 local governments in Texas were targeted in a coordinated ransomware attack of unprecedented size on Friday, but several of the cities had resumed normal operations by Tuesday, state officials

The Texas Department of Information Resources said in a statement that it believes a single source is behind all 22 of the attacks. It didn't name the affected cities or provide

details about the attacker's demands. The attack in Texas is similar to others that have crippled digital operations in cities around the country in recent years, Elliott Sprehe, a department spokesman, said

"Once it's activated, your computer system is effectively locked from use until you pay that ransom as requested," he said.

Cybersecurity experts said the number of cities affected by the Texas attack far exceeds attention-grabbing hacks of individual systems owned by cities, counties and state agencies in recent years.

The best recourse for victims of a ransomware attack is to restore the captive systems from a saved backup, assuming they have one, said Brian Calkin, chief technology officer for the Center for Internet Security. If not, officials must decide whether to pay the ransom or rebuild their system from scratch.

"Ransomware is mostly opportunistic," Calkin said. "They're casting as wide a net as possible and they want to see whoever they can catch and compromise."

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Rejecting Hate!!

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

Towards the bottom of the Statue of Liberty, one of the world's most enduring symbols of freedom and renewal, is a poem written by the 19th century author and activist. Emma Lazarus.

The writing has brought tears to the eyes of millions of people who have come to the UnitedStates from Europe, Asia, Africa, Central and South America and other places throughout the globe, yearning for freedom, fleeing tyranny, starvation, war and death.

Ms. Lazarus wrote the poem guided by a warm heart, a compassionate conscience and a vision of a better life for all of those who were fortunate enough to find their way to the shores of our country.

Now, some in the current administration, without warm hearts, guided only by cruelty and political calculus are attempting to reverse a policy that has helped to make our democracy and our nation stronger, and culturally and economically sound.

These men and women are concerned that the demographics of America are changing too rapidly, and from their perspectives a nation that is less white is a problem.

It will not be as good as one whose majority population consists of people with European roots, they believe.

Some in the White House have issued new guidelines that would limit the number of legal residences from Africa, Asia, South America and the Caribbean who are able to become American

Starting in the early fall, most immigrants that cannot show that they can exist in America without assistance from the government will be denied green cards, and will be placed on paths leading towards deportation.

The rule also reflects President Trump's stated preference for immigrants from Nordic countries. No doubt his preference is flavored by his characterization of certain African countries as places where no decent person would live.

This new unsavory rule will establish an unfortunate precedent in American immigration policy. We have never denied citizenship to people who had little or nothing in their personal bank accounts.

If the proposed standard had been in place relatives of some of our greatest scientists, artists, physicians, educators, elected officials and entertainers would not have qualified to become

American citizens.

If we head in this direction, the flame proudly held high by 'Lady Liberty' in the New York Harbor will be distinguished, the victim of small minds with bigoted hearts, armed with a malicious agenda.



First day brings smiles, fist bumps to schools across Dallas ISD

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Ensuring racial equity

Successfully improving historically underperforming schools and working toward programmatic and instructional equity–such as the amazing progress happening at MLK Jr. Learning Center–is a central goal this school year to address racial equity across the district.

As part of that effort, Dallas ISD is offering scholarships to expand the number of 3- and 4-year-olds eligible to attend pre-K at no cost. Dozens of young learners on Monday joined the district's pre-K program through these scholarships, many with smiles on their faces as they played welcome-to-school games.

"It's to the advantage of our district and students to have as many students participate in our pre-K program as possible," said Leslie Williams, Racial Equity Office deputy chief. "We know the data shows that when our students participate in pre-K programs, they go on to significantly greater success."

















The Dallas Post Tribune wishes all students and staff a fantastic school year!