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Dona Gassaway Mitchell

Mitchell production to address HIV/AIDS

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When Dona Gassaway Mitchell finds topics that are relevant to the black community, she allows her pen to bring awareness to the plight.

Her concern for the HIV/AIDS epidemic is addressed in her latest play, *Held by His Promise*, scheduled for premiere on World AIDS Day, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at St. Luke Community Life

Church, 6211 Grand Ave. in Dallas. The play, sponsored in part by Victory Outreach Church of Dallas, is free to the public.

Mitchell, who serves as children and youth drama

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'Keys' event opened college doors for EMAC student

(NDG Wire) Joe Posada saw himself in each of the 1,111 Dallas ISD middle and high school students attending the recent Las Llaves del Exito (Keys to Success) college fair at UT Dallas.

He had once sat where they were, hopeful about ob-

taining a college education but doubtful that his dream would become reality.

The emotional roller-coaster led Posada, a first-generation college student and a sophomore majoring in emerging media and communication (EMAC), to spe-

ak as part of a Llaves panel of young Hispanics who've made their way to college. He and fellow panelists fielded questions ranging from financial concerns to the availability of tutoring to

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Joe Posada

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For our daughters' sakes, pass the Paycheck Fairness Act

BY LINDA MERIC
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The much heralded and hotly contested mid-term elections are done. The ballot questions have been decided and the candidates are either grateful because they pulled out a win or gloomy because they didn't. Either way, it's time to move on.

It's time now to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Women have been waiting for a very long time. Frankly, we've

grown impatient. The moment is here. The U.S. Senate must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, for the women of today, and for the women of tomorrow.

Since the Equal Pay Act was signed in 1963, the wage gap has been closing at a snail's pace. In 1963, women who worked in full-time, year-round, jobs made 59 cents on average for every dollar earned by men. In 2009, women earned 77 cents to

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The next issue of NDG will be Thursday, December 2, 2010. The staff of NDG wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



Local fitness company raises money for area nonprofits

(NDG Wire) Dorris Bogus, creator of Kamit Sport, is gearing up to show off her fall line of urban sports wear, during her *Taking It To The Streets Tour*. The tour is designed to raise money for local

nonprofits, while inspiring women to be more fashionably fit.

"We need to start thinking about fitness and eating right before the holidays come," she said.

"So we want to get the

message out that fitness is a year-round concept, not just a New Year's resolution."

Bogus has created a way to put fitness on the

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Bryan-Michael Cox

(NDG Wire) Grammy award winning producer Bryan-Michael Cox has been elected to serve on the 100 Urban Entrepreneurs Advisory Board for the 2011 - 2012 year. Cox, a long time supporter of underserved youth within the Atlanta community and his hometown of Houston, Texas, believes strongly in the mission of 100 Urban Entrepreneurs and TheCASHFLOW, which is to fund, mentor and educate young, urban entrepreneurs in order to start companies and create jobs.

"TheCASHFLOW and 100 Urban Entrepreneurs are very excited to partner with Bryan-Michael Cox," stated Dan Carriere, Chairman of 100 Urban Entrepreneurs. "As we strive to reach our goal to fund 100 urban entrepreneurs, I am personally thrilled to have Bryan-Michael Cox support in these efforts. Seeing first hand his devotion to assisting young entrepreneurs throughout the



past year, I know Bryan's contribution will make a difference." Due to the large number of business submissions in the areas of music, video production, entertain-

ment and publishing, Cox will lend his expertise specifically to young entrepreneurs who are funded in those fields.

Cox began working with TheCASHFLOW and 100 Urban Entrepreneurs Foundation in February 2010 where he introduced the company's mission at his annual Grammy Brunch in Beverly Hills. In October 2010, Cox also served as a judge during TheCASHFLOW Elevator Pitch Competition in Atlanta, GA alongside TheCASHFLOW co-founder Lucas Riggins and

BeeHive FM *Live from Plutopia* host Taiye "The Wild Afrikan" Samuels. Inspired by how TheCASHFLOW and 100 Urban Entrepreneurs Foundation provided three start-up businesses in Atlanta with access to \$10,000 each in funding and mentoring, Cox made a personal commitment to become more involved.

Eager to serve as an advisory board member, Cox stated, "As a believer and advocate for entrepreneurship and fostering business development within communities, I am privileged to be a part of

100 Urban Entrepreneurs as they continue to change lives for individuals and urban communities. Access to \$10,000 in funding is great, but I'm here to help really shine the spotlight on how important this mentoring opportunity is. These young entrepreneurs need mentors."

Cox looks forward to working closely with 100 Urban Entrepreneurs and other advisory board members to bring growth to the organization.

TheCASHFLOW is the

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Tamara Jolee

North Texas native, Tamara Jolee, feels she is living today more than ever before. After graduating from Texas Tech in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism, Jolee followed her dreams and became an award winning journalist. She has traveled the world covering major sporting events, as well as co-hosted a football sports show on Fox.

But that is just one chapter of her life.

In September 2009, Jolee was diagnosed with an incurable form of Non-Hodgkin lymphoma. The diagnosis came after visiting the doctor when 147 of her lymph nodes swelled to the size of grapes. Even though her prognosis is bleak, Jolee keeps a positive attitude and utilizes her skills as a journalist to share her

testimony with outlets such as the 'I am Second' campaign to make sure blood cancer survivors are not forgotten.

Since receiving her diagnosis, Jolee has yet to wonder "What if," as she has only focused on "What's next." For Jolee, that is serving as the honored hero for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Winter Pineapple Classic being held Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Double D Ranch in Mesquite.

Funds raised through this event will support research, patient aid, education and advocacy to help find a cure for blood cancers.

What is the Winter Pineapple Classic? Simply put – it is a 5k team race with obstacles along the way and a Hawaiian luau and beer garden at the end. The obstacles range from easy (crawling through a tube or under a cargo net) to difficult (relying on your team to help scale four and six foot walls) and

teamwork is encouraged. Participants will not know what the obstacles are until the event when they stumble upon them during the run. Brace yourself - there are more surprises along the way!

Everyone is invited to bring flip flops, beach chairs and beach towels to enjoy the festivities.... oh yeah, don't forget a goofy costume. Remember there will be three rules, everyone will have fun, get dirty and help support the



fight against blood cancers.

To participate in the race and help support Jolee and others living with blood cancers, please visit DallasWinterPineappleClassic.org.

Cheryl Perera

Cheryl Perera is a captivating speaker, an accomplished children's rights activist and the Founder and President of OneChild, the premiere organization empowering a movement of children and youth taking action against child sex slavery. Her extraordinary contributions to protect children, and her high innovation, achievement, and leadership have earned her honours such as the World of Children Founder's Award, and distinguished her as one of Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100, and Canada's Top 20

Under 20.

Cheryl became socially involved at age 16, after reading about the exploitation of children, for a high school project. What she read filled her with anger, determination and resolve. Eager to take action, she traveled to her native country – Sri Lanka in 2002, to investigate the exploitation of children. Wanting to get an insider's look into the child sex industry, she participated in a treacherous undercover operation, as the decoy – the main role of a 15 year-old child prostitute, that led to the successful apprehension of a 40 year -old child sex offender. Her breadth of knowledge and bravery attracted the attention of dignitaries, and she was recognized by the Sri Lankan Government, having been offered a placement of one year at the Presidential Secretariat to serve as the President's Nominee on Child Protection, at the age of

17.

These experiences led her to begin a unique education-driven initiative to mobilize the Canadian Travel and Tourism Industry to take a stand against child sex tourism. What began as a one-child initiative grew to involve hundreds of Canadian youth. At age 19, she established OneChild and under her leadership, the youth succeeded in their negotiations with Air Canada, to screen their youth-created in-flight video warning against child sex tourism. The project was launched in 2005 on all domestic and international flights, as the only one of its kind in Canada and the second in North America, with a viewership of 22 million passengers to date.

She has entered into major partnerships with international organizations such as the Peoples Recovery, Empowerment and Development Assistance Foundation in the Philippines, and raised over \$180,000 to construct a

rehabilitation centre, and offer support services, and administer remedial programs for children exploited in the sex industry. Cheryl has also traveled to many countries such as the United States, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, Macedonia, Ecuador, Thailand, Philippines, Kenya, Cambodia, Brazil, and the UK, meeting with and speaking out for the protection of children.

A sought-after dynamic orator, she actively addresses UN organizations, government bodies, business groups, educators, students, rotary clubs, and the media on the importance of children's rights, social responsibility, and volunteerism. Cheryl has spoken to over 31,000 young people and adults, inspiring them to make a positive difference in the lives of their peers around the world. Her work has been profiled on CBC, Global TV, *The Montel Williams Show* and featured in various newspapers and magazines such as

the *National Post*, *The Financial Times of London*, *The Toronto Star*, and *Flare Magazine*, among others.

Cheryl now 24 is a BA (Honors) graduate in Ethics, Society, and Law, and Political Science at the University

of Toronto. A recipient of many prestigious national and international awards, Cheryl has broken tremendous ground to turn the tables on the child exploitation industry where few would dare to tread.



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Influencing students through censorship

Censorship is something our country has always fought against. The freedoms asserted by our citizens serve as the core for our country's values. Recently, however, this trend has been challenged. The Texas School Board of Education has been using its influence to make political statements.

Conservative Republican, Randy Rives, ran for the State Board last spring and lost. However, this did not deter him from using the school board as a tool to spread and implement his beliefs. According to Rives, the language used in numerous social studies textbooks speaks more favorably towards Islam and negatively towards Christianity. To try and fix this "issue," Rives drafted a one page resolution essentially stating that no textbooks



shall be published that mention Islam more often and more favorably than Christianity, nor should they speak of Islam in a positive way. Gail Lowe, Chairperson of the Board, stated "[t]he purpose of this resolution is to ensure there is balanced treatment of divergent groups. In the past, the textbooks have had some bias against Christianity."

Within any textbook, or any materials that have

been published, one would certainly find biases. It would be foolish to believe that every text is, or can be, 100% unbiased. Singling out a religion, however, highlights the biases that would ordinarily be hidden.

"If you can control or influence our education system, you can start taking over the minds of the young people," Mr. Rives said. What an accurate statement! Influencing the education system, not only with this resolution, but also others that have recently been published, will take hold of the minds of the young and influence how they think. Another example of influencing the education system from earlier this year was when Cynthia Dunbar, Re-

publican member of the TSBE, fought to implement rewriting many parts of History text books to reflect the notion of God and religion in our country, renaming the Slave trade, and recasting the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts as being driven by Islamic fundamentalists.

It seems to be a growing trend to use the education system to bias the youth to lean toward a certain political opinion. Whatever happened to a fair education and allowing people to make their own judgments? By allowing this ridiculous trend to grow and supporting censorship. We are doing what we once stood up against, taking away our own citizens' freedoms.

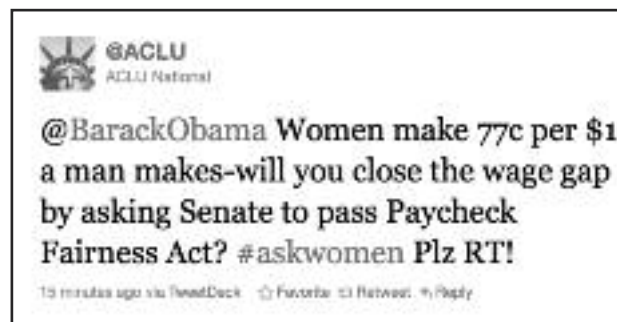
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men's dollar. The wage gap has narrowed by less than half a cent per year. For women of color, the gap is even wider, with African American women and Latinas earning only 61 cents and 52 cents, respectively, on the dollar.

The pay gap is evident in almost every occupational category, in every income bracket; it's a constant despite education, despite experience. Although enforcement of the Equal Pay Act and other civil rights laws has helped narrow the gap, it's critical that the significant disparities in pay that remain be addressed. The Paycheck Fairness Act will be an important step to help end those disparities. It must be passed, for the women of today, and for the women of tomorrow.

Consider LaTerrell. She lives in Denver and works in the financial services industry. At one time, she worked as part of a team of three women. Then, Peter, the first male in the department, was hired. He was hired for the exact same job, only Peter



didn't have the same qualifications or the same experience. He didn't have the same salary either. He was to be paid more. A supervisor discovered it, and the company decided to give all three women a raise to match Peter's salary. Luckily, someone was paying attention and took action.

But women deal with unequal pay and inequitable salary ladders in all too many professions; something must be done to end it - for the women of today, and for the women of tomorrow. That something is passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

The Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 3772) is comprehensive legislation that updates the Equal Pay Act of 1963,

strengthens penalties courts may impose for violations of existing equal pay laws, prohibits retaliation against workers who inquire about or share wage information, and empowers women to better negotiate for equal pay.

According to the National Women's Law Center, the pay gap is about much more than fairness, it's about women's and families' bottom-lines; the gap represents \$10,622 a year. With that, you could buy a year's worth of groceries (\$3,210), arrange for three months of child care (\$1,748), pay three months of rent and utilities (\$2,265) six months of health insurance (\$1,697), cover six months on a student loan (\$1,602) -- and

buy three full tanks of gas (\$100)!

Our U.S. Senate must consider how the pay gap places families of today in jeopardy; at risk, especially in these tough economic times.

But if that doesn't do it, maybe they should consider something else.

They should think about their own daughters, their granddaughters, great-granddaughters. They should think about how they prize them, how they love them, how they treasure them, how they would fight for them. Are they really worth less?

The answer should then be obvious: Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act now, without amendments, in this session. For the good of all women - women of today and of tomorrow - and for the good of our country, it's the right thing to do.

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Teens more sexually responsible than adults

(NDG Wire) Sex education is working, and that's exactly what is needed around the world to stop the AIDS epidemic.

That's the opinion of Robert Fai an expert who has seen the ravages of AIDS in Africa and around the world, and is encouraged by a new study that shows how increased awareness can result in better personal responsibility. Released only a few weeks before World AIDS Day on December 1, the Indiana University survey of more than 5,000 people -- more than 800 of them under 18 -- discovered that nearly 80 percent of all teens use

condoms when they have sex, compared to their adult counterparts aged 25 and up who use condoms fewer than 20 percent of the time.

"As startling as those statistics may be for Americans, it sends a strong message to the global community trying to fight AIDS," said Fai, author of the novel *Habiba, My Habiba* (written under the pseudo Bob Danierla); a fictional account of life and romance in the AIDS ravaged countries in Africa. "In the U.S., many public entities are driving the message home to teenagers to use condoms regularly, and the outreach is working. In other

parts of the world, like Africa, the lack of sex education and the overriding culture have prevented that message from penetrating."

According to the Health Protection Agency, the two groups most affected by HIV include gay and bisexual men and black African heterosexuals. Three-quarters of people diagnosed were among these two groups. Fai believes that education, plus a greater emphasis on family, are the two best weapons in the global fight against the disease.

"Millions of people all over the world are still about to die from this disease, ei-

ther because of ignorance, poverty or both," Fai said.

"Sheer human recklessness, greed, poverty and irresponsibility are taking away lives. I have heard people declare they cannot be affected only to see them die soon afterwards. While all doors must be kept open to unveil the obscene human behavior that is facilitating this societal misfortune, individuals must first and foremost examine themselves as the first step in this direction. This is where the family, as a social unit, becomes an invaluable asset in the worldwide fight against HIV and AIDS."

That's why Fai, who has

a Master's Degree in public policy and works for a not-for-profit advocacy group in Virginia, chose to use a novel instead of a non-fiction approach to educate people because he felt the message might sink in better if he told a story instead of reciting statistics.

"Sometimes messages resonate with people when they are told anecdotally instead of empirically," Fai added. "We've all seen the stats, and while that approach may work in much of the industrialized world, I think in other areas of the globe, it's less a matter of data than it is a matter of cul-

ture. In some cultures around the world, it's difficult to penetrate through a belief system with a message that flies in the face of that belief system. AIDS hits these countries hard, because many are unwilling to change their beliefs, even in the face of the data. That's why a story might be more effective, and as we continue to lose the fight against AIDS in the developing world, I think we need to use every weapon we have in order to change minds, and yes, maybe even cultures."

For more information visit www.bobdanierla.com.

Potter's House and Alzheimer's Association join forces

(NDG Wire) The Potter's House and Alzheimer's Association of Greater Dallas have joined forces to host a community symposium. Dr. Stephanie Johnson, a licensed clinical and research neuropsychologist and founder of the International Dementia Research Foundation in Washington, D.C., will be the featured speaker. Other panelists include Pastor Lawrence Robinson of The Potter's House, Greg Zarbo with the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Dallas, and Patricia Bailey, CEO of Advance Comfort, a line of products she developed after caring for her mother who had Alzheimer's.

In honor of Alzheimer's Awareness Month, the program, titled *Suffering in Silence* will include information on recognizing the early signs of Alzheimer's, solutions for the caregivers, how to get screened for Alzheimer's disease, and resources for people caring for loved ones with the disease.

Alzheimer's disease has surpassed diabetes and is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and is more



prevalent in minority communities. According to a

national report released earlier this year by the Alzheimer's Association, African-Americans are nearly two times more likely and Hispanics are about one and one-half times more likely than their white counterparts to have Alzheimer's and other dementias.

The symposium is free and open to the public on November 28 at noon. The event will be held in the Main Sanctuary of the Potter's House at 6777 W. Kiest Boulevard in Dallas.

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ZocDoc.com adds more specialties in North Dallas

(NDG Wire) ZocDoc, the New York-based online medical appointment booking service that began offering its services to the Dallas-Fort Worth area last month, added orthopedic surgeons and pulmonologists in North Dallas to its growing roster of special-



ists recently.

In addition, ZocDoc of-

fers primary care physicians, allergists, obstetricians/gynecologists, dermatologists and ear, nose and throat specialists.

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Richardson prevails in Open Meetings and Charter lawsuit

(NDG Wire) A lawsuit alleging the City Council violated the City Charter and the Texas Open Meetings Act by holding closed meetings has been dismissed. The Texas Court of Appeals for the 5th District issued its mandate Novem-

ber 8, 2010 after the plaintiff failed to timely seek review by the Texas Supreme Court of the July 2, 2010 decision of the Texas Court of Appeals in favor of the City.

The plaintiff alleged the City Council violated the

City Charter and the Texas Open Meetings Act by holding closed meetings because the language in the Charter required all City Council meetings to be open to the public and because the Open Meetings Act does not authorize a

closed session when a charter contains such a provision. In 2007, the Charter was amended by an overwhelming majority of those voting and the language in question no longer exists.

The trial court had denied all of the plaintiff's

claims with the exception of whether the charter allowed the City Council to hold closed meetings. On appeal, the Texas Court of Appeals initially reversed the trial court decision, but following a motion for rehearing

by the City, the Court of Appeals withdrew its opinion of March 18, 2010 and issued a new opinion on July 2 in favor of the City, affirming the trial court and dismissing all of the plaintiff's claims.

Anthology to Benefit Joe Farmer CARE Program

(NDG Wire) Allen, Texas is burgeoning with creative writers. A writer's workshop started at the Allen City Library has produced its second annual anthology entitled, *Write On 2010*. The Anthology, published by Higher Ground Press of Allen, Texas, contains samples of poetry, short stories, commentary and photography. The book was introduced at a reception on Wednesday, October 27 at the Joe Farmer Recreation Facility. The contributors enjoyed an evening of sharing their accomplishments. The book is available at A Real Bookstore in the Village at Fairview which opened November 17.

The writers living in the

A Christmas Carol kicks off new tradition at Eastfield

(NDG Wire) To kick off the first season of theatre in more than six years, Eastfield College's Harvester Theatre Company is performing a full-length stage version of Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol, which runs Nov. 30 through Dec. 4 in the Performance Hall at Eastfield College. The production will take place in the Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. (Matinees at 12:15 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 2 p.m. on Dec. 4) and includes a cast of students, staff and faculty, and community members from Mesquite.

To reserve tickets, email the box office at efctheater@dccc.edu.

Allen and McKinney area include Ken Budz, Sipra Pati, Dave Jenkins, Jr., Phyllis Jenkins, Linda Brinkley, Nora Leone, Dave Sanchez, Zera Mackie, Abby Campbell and Katie Campbell.

The sales of *Write On 2009* contributed nearly \$500 to the Friends of The Allen Library last year. This year the proceeds will go to the Joe Farmer CARE Program. The program is Citizen Assistance for Recreation Experiences and provides programs for underprivileged children.

Additionally the Joe Farmer Recreation Facility will sponsor a concert on March 11 with Neil McCoy at the Allen Event Center to benefit the CARE Program.

DFW City Briefs

Plano begins pavement repairs to Custer Road

The City of Plano Public Works Department began the Custer Road portion of the 2009-2010 Arterial Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation project on Monday, Nov. 15. Custer Road will be repaired from the President George Bush Turnpike north to the Sam Rayburn Tollway. Repairs will be made in sections to both north- and south-bound lanes, moving south to north. The project is expected to last through August 2011 with construction occurring from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drivers may want to take an alternate route.

The repairs are part of the Community Investment Program and will cost just over \$900,000.

Garland Mayor's Evening In

Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones will host his monthly "Mayor's Evening In" event on Thursday, November 18 from 5-7 p.m. The Mayor hosts these events to broaden his accessibility to the citizens of Garland.

This month's event will be held at the Mayor's Office, 200 North Fifth Street. It is necessary to schedule an appointment, 972-205-2471 or edattomo@garlandtx.gov.

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Garland Fire Department participate in emergency volunteer training

(NDG Wire) This week the Garland Fire Department is hosting the "Emergency Volunteers Project" (EVP) designed to supplement Israeli emergency responders during time of war or disaster. The project kicked off on Sunday, November 14.



normally includes two or three engines, one truck, one ambulance and a battalion command unit. In Israel the norm is one engine and maybe up to three responders.

Therefore in the time of crisis Israel becomes very vulnerable in its emergency

response capabilities. The EVP is designed to accommodate this vulnerability through American emergency response of volunteers in time of crisis.

Firefighters from North Texas have been training with firefighters from Israel at the Garland Training Facility, 1500 Hwy 66 this week to be a part of EVP.

Israel's land mass is approximately 250 by 40 miles protected by only 1,200 firefighters and emergency responders. In comparison Dallas alone has 1,800 emergency responders in its department.

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The Irving Public Library invites families to enjoy stories and music in both English and Spanish. **Family bilingual storytimes** are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the East Branch Library, 440 S. Nursery Road, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. For more information, call 972-721-2458.

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Collin County Republican Party HQ, 8416 Stacy Rd., McKinney. Call Linda Wynn Drain, 214-498-7574 or website www.aarcc.com

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CCBCC General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Call 469-424-1020 or email: info@CCBlackChamber.org for location.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or meeetup.com/378.

Group Business Seminars at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com

LimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

North Dallas Texas Democratic Women Regular Meetings 4th Thursday, 6:45 p.m. Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Rd (between Forest & Royal Lanes).

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Through Nov. 20

Rover Dramawerks in Plano presents *Morphic Resonance* by Katherine Burger its first act of the 2010-2011 season. Performances will take place at the Cox Building, 1517 Avenue H in Plano. Tickets are \$17 to \$21 for general ad-

mission and \$15 for senior citizens and students. Shows begin at 8 p.m. The Nov. 6 matinee begins at 2 p.m. <http://roverdramawerks.com>

Thru January 2

American Modern: Abbott, Evans, Bourke-White at the Amon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

November 18

The Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of The National Association of Health Services Executives is hosting a forum to explore the impact of health care reform on North Texans. **Health Care Reform: What it means for you** will be held at Methodist Charlton Hospital which is located at 3500 W. Wheatland Road in Dallas, TX 75237. The forum will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and run until 8:00 p.m.

November 19 Thru December 23

Dallas Children's Theatre presents *Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells* at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St. in Dallas. Performances times are Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 20 at 1:30 p.m.; remaining Saturdays at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.; Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 21 and 22 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; and Thursday, Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. Tickets start at \$14. www.dct.org.

November 19

T-Mobile holiday community event - Tips on how to plan for the holidays using your mobile phone. Get recipe ideas and a taste some holiday mock tails from master mixologist, Keith LaBonte from Four Lounge. The event is from 4 - 6 p.m. at the T-Mobile store located at 9540 Garland Rd. in Dallas.

November 20

The 4th Annual Hometown Holidays at Firewheel Town

Center will kick off the season with the lighting of its 41-foot tree. This event features music, Santa Claus' arrival, facepainting and more! Create a tradition this year and bring the whole family to Firewheel Town Center to kick off the holidays at 7 p.m. Firewheel Town Center is located at 245 Cedar Sage Dr., Suite 200 in Garland.

One-on-one college essay writing sessions for high school seniors during the Minute Writing Clinic at the Gideon Foundation Math & Reading Center in Frisco between 1:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the center which is located at 279 W. Main St., Ste. 108 in Frisco (at Rte 423 next to Albertson's).

Fine Arts Chamber Players presents a FREE **Bancroft Family Concert** at the Dallas Museum of Art on at 3 p.m. featuring the Clavier Trio. The museum is located at 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas, TX 75201. No reservations or tickets are required. Info: 214-520-2219 or finearts0chamberplayers.org

November 24 - 27

Dallas Cowboys defensive end Marcus Spears' annual celebrity Thanksgiving lineup is back for a third year. After parties for Usher's OMG tour stop at American Airlines Center (Nov. 24), Cowboys versus New Orleans Saints (Thanksgiving) and Mavericks vs. Miami Heat (Nov. 27) games are planned. dallascowboys-party.com

November 25

Turkey Trot at Dallas City Hall, registration begins at 7 a.m. with the race starting at 9 a.m.

Official Dallas Cowboys vs New Orleans Saints post-game party comes to the House of Blues, 2200 Lamar St. in Dallas. Louisiana's own DJ Phil of *The Rickey Smiley Morning Show* and Dallas' own Ro Parish, will

be mixing your favorite old school, new school, R&B, and hip hop. www.houseofblues.com

November 29

Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce 2010 Annual Meeting 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ballroom at the Four Seasons Resort Las Colinas, 4150 N. MacArthur Blvd. in Irving.

The Ear: A Guide to Hearing Loss, Tinnitus, and Vertigo presented by Rene Pena, MD at the Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Hitt Auditorium 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

December 1

Victory Outreach Church of Dallas presents *Held By His Promise*, a play written by Dona Gassaway Mitchell at 7 p.m. at St. Luke Community Life Center, 6211 E. Grande Ave. Slated spokesperson is CBS 11 /TXA 21 personality Rance Adams with entertainment by Yarbrough and Peoples. Pre-show begins at 6:30 p.m. with the David W. Carter Band, Drill Team and Twirlers. Admission is free to the event, and free HIV tests will be available.

December 3

Senior Access Visits Salado, Texas for The Christmas Stroll Cost is \$45 per person. Registration and trip fees must be turned in by Wednesday, November 24. Call 214-947-4628 for departure times and locations.

December 7

20th Annual Candlelight Vigil of Hope and Remembrance hosted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving-North Texas (MADD) is from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 1241 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas.

December 9

23rd Annual Leadership Garland Prayer Breakfast Pastor Bryan Jarrett, north-

placechurch.com will speak on "The Power of Personal Worth" at The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St., Garland from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. \$25 per person/\$250 table of 10; Info: garlandchamber.com or jami.manners@garlandchamber.com

December 10 - 11

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents the **18th annual Christmas Kwanzaa concert** at the Naomi Bruton main stage in the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex on the corner of Canton and Akard streets in Dallas. More than 300 voices from Dallas Independent School District will highlight the holiday season with hymns, spirituals, gospel and classical music. Friday's concert begins at 10 a.m. Saturday's concert starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10. Call the TBAAL box office at 214-743-2400 for tickets.

December 18

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce will host its **4th Annual Holiday Extravaganza** at the Hilton Garden Inn located in Allen, Texas. Cocktail hour and vendor exhibits will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

January 8 - 9, 2011

Barney Live in Concert - Birthday Bash! bops into the Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie. \$16, \$22 & \$27. A limited number of \$35 Gold Circle Seats and \$65 Dino Seats* are also available. Additional fees and discounts may apply. Ticketmaster 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

January 25, 2011

Seeking Common Good in the Midst of Growing Diversity featuring T.D. Jakes, Chief Pastor, The Potter's House; at the SMU Tate Series Tickets to individual lectures may be ordered online at smu.edu/tate or by calling 214-SMU-TATE 214-768-8283).

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Fair Park Holiday to rock with holiday activities on Saturday, December 4

(NDG Wire) Featuring 10 fun-filled hours of water-dancing, craft-making, gift-buying, tree-lighting, fireworks-flying, good ol' seasonal glee, MetroPCS Fair Park Holiday will be rocking from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, December 4, at Fair Park inside the Centennial Building and outdoors surrounding the Esplanade Fountain.

What's more, the historic landmark will welcome the nationally renowned Dallas White Rock Marathon to its new home December 3 – 5, giving Fair Park goers the chance to double their fun at the free White Rock Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Automobile Building, or participate in the 5K Mayor's Race and Fun Run beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. (Registration for 5K race is \$15 or \$30 for families up to five; free for Dallas ISD students and teachers.)

Free and open to the public, MetroPCS Fair Park Holiday will feature a medley of merriment including a fireworks finale from the rooftops, the official City of Dallas tree-lighting ceremony, kids crafts, a shopping bazaar, holiday-themed entertainment and foods, family-fun activities, Bella-gio-style "dancing water" shows at the Esplanade Fountain synchronized to music at the top of every hour (from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.), plus free visits to Fair Park's eight museums.

With free museum admission from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., guests will get to appreciate much of what Fair

Park has to offer with visits to the newly-opened Texas Museum of Automotive History (grand opening November 20), African American Museum, the recently renovated Children's Aquarium at Fair Park, Museum of Nature & Science, Museum of the American Railroad, Texas Discovery Gardens, Hall of State, and The Women's Museum.

Please note: Free admission does not apply to all special exhibits, IMAX® films and other offerings. See schedule below for specific museum hours and further information.

Inside the Centennial Building, children and adults will flock to Santa's Workshop for free arts and crafts activities, such as ornament making, do-it-yourself gift wrapping and



Scenes from last year's event.

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son Quartet (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.), and a special performance of *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* by the Dallas Children's Theater (3 – 4 p.m.).

with musical entertainment by Latin guitarist Joe Trevino (10:30 – 11:30 a.m.), classical guitarist Stacy Arnold (noon – 1 p.m.), Latin guitarist Guillermo Serpes (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.), saxophonist Chuck Anderson (3 – 4 p.m.), and steel drummer Derrick Logozzo (4:15 – 5:15 p.m.). Other activities will include face painting, air brush tattoos, caricature artists and more (fee will apply.)

At 5:15 p.m., the Dallas Wind Symphony Quartet will take the stage outdoors for an hour-long performance, followed by the official City of Dallas tree-lighting ceremony at 6:15 p.m., hosted by 98.7 KLUV's Jody Dean, and a spectacular 10-minute fireworks finale from the rooftops of the Automobile and Centennial buildings!

When it's all said and done, thousands of sparkling LED lights surrounding the Esplanade Fountain will still shine throughout the holiday season.

Concessions will be sold including Fletcher's corny dogs, pizza, barbecue, hamburgers, Frito® pie, chili, healthy snacks and wraps, holiday beverages, gourmet coffees, hot chocolate, plus holiday sweets such as cinnamon rolls, funnel cake sticks, fried cheese cake, and charros.

Admission is free. The City of Dallas charges \$10

to park within the gates of Fair Park, or visitors can ride DART's Green Line to the Fair Park Station.

MetroPCS Fair Park Holiday is hosted by Friends of Fair Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For more information, call the Fair Park Information Line at 214-421-9600 or go to fairpark.org.



Coinciding with the White Rock Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, free holiday festivals to also feature arts and crafts at Santa's Workshop, holiday foods, puppet shows and entertainment, the official City of Dallas tree-lighting, and more.

cookie decorating, to name a few. A variety of free entertainment will be on tap including a performance by the Dallas Black Dance Theatre's Junior Dance Academy (11 – 11:45 a.m.), a puppet show by Le Theatre de Marionette (noon – 1 p.m.), the Chuck Ander-

In addition, there will be ongoing acts by various dance academies and performing arts groups.

Also inside, gift-seekers will find an assortment of quality merchandise, holiday décor, unique gift ideas and tasty treats at The 500, Inc. Holiday Gift Market,

Saturday, December 4 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Schedule of Events

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.Free crafts at Santa's Workshop inside the Centennial Building

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.Dancing water shows at the Esplanade Fountain synchronized to music (top of every hour)

6:15 p.m.Official City of Dallas Tree-Lighting Ceremony

6:30 p.m......Fireworks finale from the rooftops of the Centennial and Automobile buildings

*Free admission to Fair Park museums
(Visit fairpark.org for schedules.)*

Have You Heard?

BY TONYA WHITAKER
NDG STAFF WRITER

It's a shame

The drama of Kanye West continues. After the embarrassing Matt Lauer interview on *The Today Show* last week, West has decided that he will not conduct any more interviews nor perform on the morning talk show Nov. 26. In response to Kanye's diss on television, singer

Ne-Yo and Russell Simmons have given Kanye props. However, Sim-



Russell Simmons

mon's open letter warrants some attention. The mogul wrote that Kanye did not owe President George W. Bush an apology for Kanye's comment about Bush disliking black people. What is wrong with righting past ills? Simmons can play the race card all he wants, but Kanye is attempting to mature. Kanye has his moments, but he is a work in progress.

Can you say tacky?

Former Dallas Maverick Steve Nash and his

wife, Alejandra Amarilla, welcomed their third child into the world last week. This is supposed to be a happy little ditty, but it is not. Nash decided to leave his wife hours after the birth of the baby. According to *The Vancouver Sun*, the Phoenix Sun star has been separated from his wife for months. What a good time to cut the cord.

Sore loser

Taping for the Soul Train Awards rapped up last Wednesday, and the show included some



Eminem

drama. Rapper Rick Ross stormed out of his scheduled performance with Chrisette Michele because he lost to Eminem in the

best hip hop song of the year category. The awards show sans the Ross/Michele performance is scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 on Centric.

Cougar on the prowl

It seems that Whitney Houston has really hit a sour note again. According to *DimeWars*, the Grammy-winning singer has her eyes on Brandy's little bro, Ray J. The pair was sighted Nov. 12 getting cozy after a night on the town in Atlanta.

'Round About in DFW

November 19

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago comes to the Winspear Opera House at the AT&T Performance Arts Center at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$19 and is available at www.attpac.org

November 26 to December 5

The Texas Ballet Theatre presents *The Nutcracker* in the Winspear Opera House at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$19. www.attpac.org



November 27 to December 24

The Dallas Theatre Center presents Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in the Kalita Humphreys Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$15. Visit www.attpac.org or call 214-252-3927.

December 2

Fantasia *Back to Me* tour with El DeBarge, Eric Benet and Kandi, Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie, www.verizontheatre.com

December 2 and 3

The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents Comedy at the Muse featuring Foolish in the Muse Café in the Dallas Convention Center Complex, located on the corner of Canton and Akard streets. Shows begin at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$15. Call 214-743-2400.

December 10

Wu-Tang Clan will play the Granada Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$55. www.granadatheater.com



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You have to vote for 4 choices in each category, so please vote for the other Texas announcers as well.



Vote for Carmina Barnett

Business News Briefs

Government contracting topic of networking breakfast

The Center for Government Contracting Small Business Development Center will host Coffee with Chuck networking breakfast starting at 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 3. The event is slated to take place at the Bill J. Priest Campus of El Centro Community College, 1402 Corinth St. #1530 in Dallas.

The topic of the networking event is "What's New in Government Contracting." Jennifer Montgomery, SBA Small Business specialist, and Phil Hawley, president of Ewing Engineers Solutions Inc., will discuss the female-owned small business federal contract program.

Chuck Waldrop, director of the center and his staff will serve as facilitators. For more information, contact the Center for Government Contracting at 214-860-5889.

IFA Dallas Minority Franchising Seminar

The DFW Chapter of the National Black MBA Association is partnering with the IFA Minority Franchise Association to bring leading franchisers, current industry speakers

and informational resources to the DFW community on Saturday, November 20. The event is slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the CHG Cityplace Conference Center. The first 100 paid pre-registrants will receive the discounted rate of \$20, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and seminar materials.

Program normally retails for \$150. To register using your credit card, visit franchise10.dfwmbas.org. Cash only and exact change only if payment is made on the day of the event.

Lamborghini dealership opens in Richardson

Last week Boardwalk Lamborghini, which is located on Central Expressway just south of Belt Line Road opened in Richardson. The opening of the dealership brings a special level of recognition for Richardson, which has historically attracted many high-tech businesses due to its central location and regional access to corporate executives and a specialized workforce with high incomes. The dealership sells new and used versions of the high-end sports car as well as other luxury vehicles.

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minds of women that are usually too busy to take time for themselves. She has recently created Girl's Night In, where she brings her trunk show and models to homes, offices and non-profit organizations. During these events, Bogus discusses holiday fitness, eating right and fitness fashion. After a short lecture, she presents a high-end trunk show featuring transitional sports wear that is created by her year-old company.

Bogus' only criteria for those who host the show is that they choose a nonprofit organization that will receive a percentage of all proceeds.

"We meet a number of objectives here, women think about their health and fitness, they have a good time with friends and we raise money for organizations that are struggling in our community," she said.

Bogus said she enjoys selling sportswear in an arena dominated by fitness

giants. Being small allows her more creativity with colors, fabrics and styles. She said she is always looking for ways to make women's fitness fashions easier and more transitional for her customers.

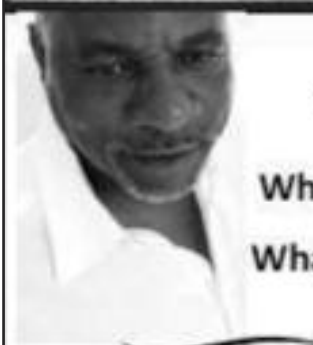


Other talking points for Bogus include eco friendly

sports wear; putting together fitness wardrobe for less than \$100; getting the right fit for a good workout; exercising leading up to the holidays; working out at home; and using the Internet to get fit.

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how to cope with being away from family. Other Llaves sessions addressed college entrance examinations and the importance of planning for college while still in middle school.

Posada didn't always have the answers about college. His mother, who was educated in Mexico, has been involved in his learning since his elementary school days. His father, who works in construction, taught him to "work hard now, enjoy life later – or, enjoy life now, work hard later." But despite the encouragement at home, he didn't have all the resources he would need.

By the time Posada was in middle school, he knew he wanted more than a high school diploma. But he had doubts.

"I wondered if I was smart enough to go to college," he said.

Posada discovered a future career in Web design through his Algebra I teacher, who offered tutoring in the subject off-hours.

His affinity for both the technical coding and the creative side of Web-based communication led him to the UT Dallas EMAC program during a Scholar's Day visit.

"I knew UT Dallas was where I wanted to go," he said. "There was no other program like EMAC anywhere in Texas."

Posada got involved in extracurricular activities during his last two years at Adamson High School (DISD) in South Oak Cliff, "late" by his own admission. He grew socially and rounded out college applications by re-energizing his youth LULAC chapter, and by joining Rotary Interact and National Honor Society. He also participated in Junior ROTC.

As his senior year wound down, Posada received enough scholarship support

and financial aid to live on campus during his freshman year.

The transition was a rough one. Posada didn't realize the amount of coursework required and the accompanying amount of study

Posada juggles a 15-hour class load, a job as a high school mentor in DISD for the University's Office of Diversity and Community Engagement, and a weekend job with his family. Now a commuter student, he uses his

it," he said, speaking of statistics that show low Hispanic college enrollment in Texas, particularly among Hispanic males. "I've made it so far. Now I'm looking forward to my next goal: graduation."

He's also paved the road to college for his sister, who is four years his junior. The Llaves attendee is focused on grades and earning as much dual credit as possible through El Centro College, part of the Dallas County Community College District.

"I wish I had known about dual credit when I was finishing my sophomore year in high school. I didn't find out about that until I was a senior," said Posada. "My sister is on the right path."



Las Llaves was hosted by Office of Diversity and Community Engagement student workers, staff and event volunteers.

it would take to be successful in college. He also didn't realize he'd be starting over socially.

"I needed a guide," he said.

He's found an informal study group, and he uses the GEMS Center for help with math and writing. He also gets help from faculty when needed, EMAC-style.

"I use social media, mostly tweets, to ask questions of my EMAC professors," Posada said.

Doubts about college lingered. During an especially challenging time, he tweeted that perhaps "college was not for me" and that he might join the military rather than complete a degree. EMAC faculty member Dave Parry saw the tweet and called Posada in for an office appointment.

"After our talk, I felt like I had a chance because he made me see the bigger picture – college requires time and dedication in order to succeed," said Posada. "Dr. Parry now calls me out in class, even when I sometimes want to hang back and not comment. Knowing I'll be accountable for the material pushes me to study and come to class prepared."

His second year of college still holds challenges.

hour-long train ride to study for classes.

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In addition:

The Trinity Railway Express (TRE) commuter rail service will not operate on Thanksgiving Day. On Friday, it will follow a modified schedule. Scheduled details are available at www.TrinityRailwayExpress.org.

The following High Oc-

cupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes will be closed: the HOV lane on I-30 (East R.L. Thornton) and on I-30 West (Tom Landry Freeway); the reversible S-ramp at the southern end of the I-35E (Stemmons) HOV lane; the reversible HOV ramp between the US 75 and the I-635 HOV lanes; and the section of the I-35E/U.S. 67 (South R. L. Thornton/Marvin D. Love) HOV lanes from downtown Dallas to Loop 12.

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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce hosting holiday extravaganza

(NDG Wire) Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce (CCBCC) will host its 4th Annual Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 18, 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn located in Allen, Texas. Cocktail hour and vendor exhibits will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the festivities continuing until 11 p.m. The gala event is a major fund-raiser for the chamber.

In addition, CCBCC will salute the 2010 Trailblazer Award recipient. The

prestigious award will be presented to Charles O'Neal, President of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. The annual event will also offer a wonderful evening of fine cuisine, entertainment, networking and the chance to take home great gifts from the raffle drawings and silent auctions.

Annual Holiday Extravaganza is only \$30.00 per person. They also are offering reasonably priced sponsor packages as well as ads in the souvenir book starting as low as \$50.

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NAACP Irving business awards

(NDG Wire) The Irving Chapter of the NAACP recently presented four awards including Business Owner of the Year. Clarence Saunders, a State Farm Agent.

Other awards handed out by the NAACP included Clergy/Church of the Year Award (Pastor J. R. Shepard of Ben Washington Baptist Church), Educator of the Year Award (Annis Macon, vice principal at Nimitz High School, and the Fletcher Yates Commu-

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Thanksgiving Day is celebrated with a lot of passion and merry-making in America. It is a time for shared thanksgiving, feelings of gratitude and lavish feasts. The original pilgrims celebrated the autumn harvest with a feast of thanks. The feast popularly known as the 'First Thanksgiving Day Feast' was held in 1621 as a gesture of 'thanks to almighty God.'

Every day we should be thankful to God for His blessings to us and surely we can't forget to thank Him this time of the year.

When I think of God goodness, I am reminded of a song that I learned long ago, "Count your many blessings, count them one by one, count your many blessings and see what God has done."

If you will get in a quiet place and start thinking of the many things that God has done for you, you will find that you have more pluses than minuses; even with the things that can go wrong and will go wrong. There is a saying that I once heard, "I complained because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet" we still have a lot to be thankful for. Look around, someone is worse off than you are. Still with our

terrible economy, there's still a lot to be thankful about.

There are two Thanksgivings Holidays that I especially remember; the first is when my mother, Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus, was home after a stay in the hospital from a stroke. I told my mother that I was so grateful to God that He had allowed her to spend another Thanksgiving with us that I was taking down all of her "fine china, glassware, table cloth and linen napkins and using them." I said that we were going to use the best of everything she had that year and for everyday that God allowed her to stay here on this earth. For me, there would be no more of statements like; "The best that I have will be saved for special guest" my mother was the guest that the best was saved for. That was the day that I put my priorities in the right place, God first, family second, church third and everything else after that.

The second most important Thanksgiving Day is when my first grandchild was born. My baby, Sheila Tarpley Lott had her first child and only girl, Tyanna Donnise Lott, the day before Thanksgiving one year. God Himself placed a high value

on the family. I can tell you this, material things of this world are nothing compared to family love.

God Himself placed a high value on the family. I can tell you this, material things of this world are nothing compared to family love.

This day and this year, take time to thank God for what He has done for you and yours. Remember:

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past nor for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life and learn to appreciate each day; tomorrow isn't promised.

Don't give up when you have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. It is a very fragile thread that binds us to each other and once the trust is gone, it is hard, if ever you can, regain the trust.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it is im-

possible to find. It is said that the quickest way to receive love is to give love and the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly.

Don't dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope. To be without hope is to be without purpose. To be without purpose is to merely exist and not live.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been but also where you are going. Life is not a race but a journey to be savored each step of the way.



Happy Birthday Little Miss Tyanna Lott, November 24, 2010, May God bless you with many more healthy years. Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Pre-Thanksgiving Praise service slated

Life Changing Faith Christian Fellowship, "Voices of Change", will present a pre-Thanksgiving Praise and Worship Explosion, Saturday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Special guests for this holiday celebration include Now Word Covenant Church, Tim Clifton with Purpose, Dominique Irby, Bridgette Jernigan and Friends, James Mitchell and Heartsong, and Victory in Praise Liturgical Dance Ministry.

The event is free and open to the public. Every-

one is asked to bring a can good to help feed the hungry during this holiday season.

Life Changing Faith Christian Fellowship is located in historical down-

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director for Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, said the intent of this play is to pour her heart out to those who are battling HIV and AIDS.

"When you put your words down on paper and put it on stage you don't know who you will impact," Mitchell said.

"I know there are people dying of AIDS who will be in attendance. This play will provide spiritual guidance and hope."

The founder of Dona Gassaway Mitchell Productions said she learned early on that her talents were not for her. Her sole intent is to

write plays that benefit others.

"A lot of playwrights don't write to help others. They write for entertainment or fun. Mine is more for the benefit of others," said Mitchell, who has been involved in spiritual community outreach programs since 1990.

The premise of *Held by His Promise* centers on a widowed woman who contracted HIV from her deceased husband. Left to fend for herself and her three children, the protagonist has difficulty dealing with living with the disease. She wants to give up, but the

woman receives a confirmation of hope from her pastor, children and church members.

Johnique Mitchell, LaMondre Johnson, LaRonte Blanche, D.J. Rankin and Victor Villegas star in the play.

Featured in the play are Dallas natives and R&B couple Calvin Yarbrough and Alisa Peoples, best known for their early 80s hit *Don't Stop The Music*. Yarbrough will play Brother George, while Peoples will star as Sister Sara. The play also features the Concord Church GenXtreme Drama and Mime Ministry.

This is not Mitchell's first play to feature celebrities. *A Family's Worth*, another production concerning HIV and AIDS, starred Irma P. Hall, who played Mama Joe in the movie *Soul Food*.

A pre-show is planned for 6 p.m. David W. Carter Band, drill team, twirlers and other local talent are slated to perform. Free HIV tests will be available to those who are interested, Mitchell said. Host for the event is Clif Caldwell, and the scheduled spokesperson is CBS 11 personality Rane Adams.

For information, call Mitchell at 972-748-4648.

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