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Citizens can also practice free speech at next the DMV board meeting

BY SEN. ROYCE
WEST TEXAS SENATE

Thousands of words have been written on this issue since it ignited headlines a few weeks ago. To remind, a proposal by a state official asks the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to approve a vanity license plate that bears the likeness of the



Confederate battle flag. Some say its part of Texas' heritage. More say many don't want to be reminded of a painful period in Texas and American history, and what the same symbol means today when also carried proudly by those who wear hoods and robes.

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Dallas poorest high schools gain a gift of hope

Empower American Children, a non-profit organization working to inspire youths in Dallas to follow their dreams, have brought seasoned and professional actor Scot Anthony Robinson, from Vision Warrior, to four of the poorest Dallas high schools to break the silence about issues facing youths on a daily basis.

Already 3000 high school youths have in Dallas High Schools such as South Oak Cliff, L.G Pinkston and Lincoln High, have been touched by Scot Robinson's riveting performance about his downward spiral into heroin addiction, near death abortion, violence on the streets.

Vision Warrior is an

ADDY award winning presentation that leaves the students with exposure to the realistic chain of events that can occur when peer acceptance and "coolness" become more important than the self within. The students witness a ninety-minute monologue and then ask challenging questions in a one-hour long,

grade specific post presentation forum. Teens are encouraged to build their inner strength, self confidence, and set of inner truths to help them make it through the tough times when they may be asked to do things that would dishonor or harm

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TRMC-Sunnyvale launches Support Our Troops holiday campaign

For the second consecutive year, Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale is toasting the holiday season with a holiday campaign for soldiers. Support Our Troops, beginning Nov. 1, will collect various care package-type items for the soldiers who won't be with their families during the holiday season.

Anyone interested in participating may choose a soldier from the Christmas trees in TRMC-Sunnyvale's lobby. The public is encouraged to provide names of soldiers who should receive donations, and also may donate items without adopting specific

soldiers. Some of the items requested include toiletries, insect repellent, writing paper, handheld games, dried fruits, music compact discs, movies, food and drinks in prepackaged, individual containers, books

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Retired 1st Class Corporal Monaque Carter, Sr.



(L to R): Jennifer Perez, Mr. Monaque Carter, Sr. and Arnoldo Perez
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Murray had to know he would not escape manslaughter charge

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Did Wal-Mart lie about their health plan to cover workers

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans dedicated to the eradication of racial disparities around the world, is urging all religious communities to stand together in solidarity against Wal-Mart's exploitative labor practices. Most recently, after promising to do otherwise, Wal-Mart has reduced its health care benefits to its already underpaid workforce. Our Black Church leadership partners -

66,000 churches nationwide - are called upon to use the full force of our combined 100,000 churches to draw attention to the imperative of reforming Wal-Mart's mistreatment of its workers and the need for good wages and good health benefits for all Americans. We intend to use the full weight of our collective wealth and political might both domestically and globally to bring attention to this problem.

After a period of trying to convince the American

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Soledad O'Brien

The Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Black Journalists (DFW/ABJ) announces Soledad O'Brien, anchor and special correspondent for CNN/U.S., as the keynote speaker for its 30th Anniversary Scholarship Gala scheduled for Thursday, December 1 at the Music Hall at Fair Park.

The upscale evening of celebration will highlight the organization's years of industry leadership, service, advocacy and mentorship in the DFW metroplex as well

as the bestowal of the highly acclaimed Asante Award to veteran journalists, Bob Ray Sanders and Clarice Tinsley.

"It is simply our way of saying 'thank you' for over 30 years of journalistic excellence and service to mankind," said Cheryl Smith, DFW/ABJ President. Award recipients, Sanders and Tinsley, have served as professional journalists for 40 years and 32 years respectively.

The gala also serves as

a caveat to ensure the future of young media communicators by strengthening the chapter's pipeline to offer professional development, networking and training programs to its membership, the community and to award scholarships to area students.

In addition to performances by country/western sensation IMAJ, noted artist Frank Frazier will display his artwork and there will be a silent



auction.

The event will highlight journalists who spend their time telling the stories of their community, but it is also tailored for the enjoyment of all who attend. "Anyone who supports higher education, interested in meeting dynamic journalists and the

great honorees, and enjoys excellent entertainment should be in attendance," began Smith. "Your presence will help DFWABJ continue to support and train quality journalists."

The emcees for the evening are Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce President, Charles O'Neal and the Day Time Diva of KRNB and DFWiRadio, Lynne Haze. For more information on the event and to confirm your space at this remarkable night of celebration, please visit www.dfwabj.org.

Larry Zacharias

UT Dallas Police Chief Larry Zacharias believes the right attitude, a willingness to work with the community, accessibility and a service mindset are key ingredients in the making of a good university police chief.

"It's a personal honor to be awarded, but I think it has implications for the UT Dallas Police Department as well," Zacharias said. "It means we've successfully tackled chal-

lenges and improved as a service organization."

During his tenure, Zacharias has increased the department's size to keep pace with student enrollment gains. Staff duties have been redistributed to increase officer and guard visibility on campus. Civilians now handle support functions, including



special event arrangements and website maintenance.

UT Dallas has struck recent agreements with the city of Richardson to share police radio and electronic records management systems, saving the University approximately \$1 million while it complies with FCC requirements.

"Chief Zacharias' leadership, knowledge of policing and commitment to a service-

oriented approach were key qualities that led to him becoming part of the UT Dallas team," said Dr. Calvin Jamison, senior vice president for business affairs. "During his tenure, he has brought stability to the department, created a highly responsive service and education focus, hired excellent professionals into the department and positioned the UT Dallas Police for the anticipated growth of the campus."

Zacharias joined the University as police chief

in fall 2009. He had served 31 years previously with the Richardson Police Department in a career that included steady promotions that led to his appointment as chief in 2002.

"Because of my career with the city, I was well aware of the University's prominent place in the community," Zacharias said. "I couldn't pass up the opportunity to serve as the UT Dallas police chief and play a small role in the University's future."

George Tillman, Jr.

George Tillman, Jr. has been signed to develop and direct the upcoming feature film, MILES DAVIS, announced producer Nick Davis Raynes (Grandson of former 20th Century-Fox & Beverly Hills Hotel

Ged Dickinson have partnered with Gregory Davis, Miles' eldest son to bring the true story of Miles Davis' life to the screen and preserve his legacy. The script is loosely based on Gregory Davis' book

DARK MAGUS The Jekyll and Hyde Life of Miles Davis, and the filmmakers have access to much of Miles Davis' music (primarily from 1963-1977).

As a director, George Tillman, Jr.'s films include "Soul Food," "Men of Honor," "Notorious," and last year's "Faster." His producing

credits include the "Barbershop" franchise: "Barbershop," "Barbershop 2:

Back In Business," and "Beauty Shop," as well as a tv series based on the original film for Showtime. Other producing credits include "Roll Bounce," and "Nothing Like The Holidays."

Miles Davis' epic story spans five decades of music history in which he continuously reinvented himself as a musician, a composer and a man. His ability to change and acclimate to the innovations of young musicians, bring them into his fold, and direct the course of music history distinguished him as a unique historical icon. Alongside fellow musicians such as John Coltrane, Billie Holiday, and Jimi Hendrix, Miles overcame dependencies on heroin and then cocaine, persevering to the end in his accomplishments. The film is a poignant look at the rise, fall and rise again of Miles Davis, a superbly talented yet abundantly

flawed personality.

Besides Miles, there are many supporting characters featured in the film including Jimi Hendrix, Billie Holiday, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, Cicely Tyson, Gil Evans, Michael Jackson, Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane, Sugar-Ray Robinson, Betty Mabry, Francis Taylor and more.

"Our intention is to make a feature film that will appeal beyond the worldwide audience of Miles Davis die-hard fans, to also include those who don't know the first thing about the man, and introduce new ears to his music," states Nick Davis Raynes. "In much the same way that 'Walk The Line' and 'Ray' were able to open the world's eyes to the life stories of Johnny Cash and Ray Charles, respectively, we want to make a film that will do the same justice for Miles Davis. MilesDavis, in his

fifty-year career as a musician, transcends time, space and race, and has stood the test of time.

"I trust George Tillman and Nick Raynes will tell the true story of my father

— without any sugar-coating," says Gregory Davis. "My father was an amazing man who believed in the promise of America. I know this film will do him justice."



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Let consumers' action go beyond Bank Transfer Day Actions still needed on bank payday, overdraft fees and more

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

Dissatisfaction with banking practices and policies have irritated, alienated and obligated customers in ways that did not seem fair at all. Although complaints ranged from mortgage lending and servicing to credit cards, the proverbial straw that broke was a new fee for use of debit cards.

In a series of late September announcements, many major banks advised customers of new fees. While some banks preferred monthly fees ranged from \$3 to \$5, others would test or 'assess' fees per purchase.

In the throes of a lingering recessionary economy, high unemployment, growing poverty, and not enough jobs for millions of Americans to be financially self-sufficient, consumers revolted with a coordinated national effort called "Bank Transfer Day". November 5 was the designated day for consumers across the country to leave their banks and join local credit unions.

Yet many consumers chose to act right away. Before "Bank Transfer Day", the Washington Post recently reported that over the past month, the National Association of Federal Credit Unions recorded a 350 percent increase in web traffic to its online credit union locator. The portal, www.CULookup.com matches visitors with institutions they might be eligible to join based on affiliations, such as school, employer or church.

According to Bill Cheney, CEO of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), "If all of the people signed up to participate in "Bank Transfer Day" on Saturday do so, and remain credit union members over the year that follows, those consumers will save a combined \$4.8 million. Combine that with the \$5 per month that they WON'T be paying in debit card fees, and you're up to \$5.1 million."

With consumers everywhere needing to contain costs and stretch dollars further, it would be wonderful if

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Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

In a world where second chances for most people are hard to come by, Lindsay Lohan has received yet another opportunity to redeem herself. Once she is done serving another ridiculously light jail sentence, all Lindsay has to do is perform community service at a county morgue in Los Angeles.

If it were another person constantly getting in trouble (and not a celebrity), that person would be in prison

right now for the long haul. If not dead. What few people fully realize is that Lindsay Lohan is another criminal who needs to be treated like one. She is no different than anyone else in society. And if people don't begin to realize that, and continue to give her second chances, I think Lindsay will end up being another cautionary tale in a world full of cautionary tales.

A.J. Chilson,
Princeton, Texas

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public that it had changed regarding its treatment of its workers, Wal-Mart has returned to its old ways. Specifically, it has informed its 1.4 million workers that all future part-time employees who work less than 24 hours a week will no longer qualify for any of the company's health insurance plans. Furthermore, any new employees who average 24 to 33 hours per week will no longer be able to include a spouse as part of their health coverage but children will be eligible for coverage. Following a nationwide trend, premiums for those eligible for coverage will also rise by as much as 40% which will make the health plan too expensive for many employees who already pay high deductibles that exceed 20% of their annual pay.

The company argues that these health benefit reductions are necessary due to rising costs but in this time of profound economic distress, this is devastating for Wal-Mart's employees only half of whom currently qualify for any health benefits. Surely a company that made \$15.3 billion in profits last year and whose founding family ranks amongst the wealthiest in America, can afford to provide its employees with decent health care. Moreover, since Wal-Mart is a bellwether employer whose employment practices are emulated by other corporations, the significance of this decision to slash health coverage should not be underestimated.

In the past, as reflected in a previous press release-"National Black Church Initiative Calls For All Businesses to Cover Their Full and Part Time Workers with Health Insurance"--we have supported Wal-Mart's efforts to reform its employment practices. We lauded Wal-Mart for agreeing to offer part-time employees including those working less than 24 hours per week, health

insurance after a year of employment at a cost of \$250 per year for family coverage. We thought that Wal-Mart intended to set a good example for other corporations to follow.

However, as Wal-Mart has changed, so too has our position. Rev. Anthony Evans, the President of the NBCI declares: "It is a shameful, immoral act when a corporation continues to lie about the benefits that it gives to its employees. The NBCI supported Wal-Mart in our previous press releases but we now know that we were misled to believe that Wal-Mart is an honorable company. But now we have seen the truth and the truth is that they do not care about any of their employees, especially African-American women and poor women that they continue to exploit."

Indeed, many other were misled as the New York Times has noted that over the last few years Wal-Mart has been engaged in a deliberate and apparently fraudulent campaign to mollify critics of its employment practices by offering ostensibly better health care benefits to its employers. What makes matters worse for American society as a whole is that Wal-Mart's refusal to pay good wages and provide decent health benefits is tantamount to cost shifting as the burden for the health and well-being of Wal-Mart's workers must be absorbed by local communities since these workers inevitably must rely upon public assistance to have their basic needs met. This is corporate irresponsibility at its worst.

However, in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent decision that makes it much harder for employees to launch class action lawsuits and in period of high unemployment that undermines the power of labor, Wal-Mart has dropped the façade of civility

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The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center Seek Support

While the citizens of Irving voted for the Irving Entertainment Center years ago, the city has yet to appropriate the necessary funds for the project.

The complex, planned for development next to Irving Convention Center,

is not only expected to bring commerce, restaurants and family-friendly entertainment. It is projected to create 2,000 – 2,500 jobs. This is why advocates of the project are going before officials to form a special purpose

political action committee in order to save it.

The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center will be holding a 60-day petition drive and need the signatures of 6,000 Irving residents to present to the Irving City Coun-

cil.

Irving residents are urged to contact Anthony Bonds at 214-830-6719 or at aebond09@yahoo.com for literature and information about how to participate in the petition drive.

Recession-proof your mood with "feel good" exercise

BY DONNIE MIDDLETON,
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

It probably doesn't come as news to anyone that the sluggish economy is, literally, a real downer.

In fact, studies show that – not surprisingly – depressed economy makes us depressed as well. According to a new survey by a New York-based market research company Euro RSCG Worldwide, 45 percent of male respondents and 33 percent of women say that current economic situation negatively affects their mood.

There is, however, a silver lining in these findings: a solid 39 percent of respondents say they are fighting the doldrums by exercising



more.

"These people are definitely doing the right thing, because there's abundant proof that exercise can improve our mood and relieve stress," says Donnie Middleton, a personal trainer at Precision Personal Training

in Flower Mound, TX. "As a matter of fact, a Boston University study released last year showed that a regular fitness routine can be as effective as certain medications in treating depression."

How can exercise help combat the blues? In several

ways, Middleton says:

- It helps release emotional tension and pent-up frustrations, and distract from worries and negative thoughts that feed anxiety.

- Exercise produces endorphins and raises the body's levels of dopamine, serotonin, and norepinephrine – natural "feel good" chemicals.

- Exercise boosts our confidence and makes us more resilient to effects of stress and anxiety. The more you work out, the better you'll be able to handle difficult situations.

- It is common for depressed people to feel helpless. True, you can't fix the economy single-handedly, but knowing that you are

doing something positive for your own life and health will give you a sense of control and empowerment.

What kind of fitness routine will lift your mood most effectively? "The one that you enjoy and will stick with!" Middleton says. "If you opt for a workout that doesn't excite or challenge you, it will be difficult to get any therapeutic benefits from it."

He recommends a tension-busting exercise regimen that includes strength training and interval training. And, according to Middleton, "When you fully exert, you can fully relax." After you fully exert, you may want to also include some breathing exercises

while you stretch all of the major muscle groups.

"This way, you will not only release tension, but also boost your heart health and build up muscle mass – essentials for overall health," Middleton notes. "Just the knowledge that you are taking such good care of yourself will lift your spirits– in good times and bad."

Donnie Middleton is a certified fitness expert (NASM, Cooper Institute) with 9 years of experience in the fitness industry. Middleton can be reached at Donniemiddleton@gmail.com or 469-348-4552 and is available for media interviews on topics related to health, wellness and fitness.

A dose of exercise makes a difference to your mental health too

People being treated for depression may find exercise can pick up where medication leaves off. A study reviewed the effects of aerobic activity

as a second treatment in patients who did not do well on their original antidepressant medication. About 30 minutes' worth of exercise four days a

week proved to have an impact.

Dr. Madhukar Trivedi is at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"It was the dose. The type of exercise was all aerobic. Some of them used treadmills. Some of them used a stationary bike. But the real impor-

tant ingredient was the total energy expenditure of the dose of the exercise

Exercise can improve overall health and reduce your risk for heart disease

or diabetes.

The study in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry was supported by the National Institutes of Health.

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I made my opinion known more than a month ago in an editorial that was seen across the state and nationally via social media and was even referenced by the Wall Street Journal. I was joined by my Senate Democratic colleagues and one fellow Dallas senator in urging the DMV board to oppose the creation of any state-sanctioned license plate that bears this divisive symbol. Editorial boards from Dallas to San Antonio, from Austin to Amarillo, Houston, Longview and Beaumont publications have resoundingly expressed the same opinion that the state should not endorse or promote an image considered - across racial lines - to be offensive and hurtful to most African Americans.

I would not raise this issue again but for the official announcement by the department that this item will be on the agenda for its next board meeting scheduled for Thursday - November 10. A single vote prevented the approval or rejection of this item back in April. At the time, Board Chairman Victor Vandergriff - one of four opposing votes - stated that the matter could be

placed before the body again. Since that time, for every two or three who think that there's nothing wrong with license plates that depict the rebel flag, quadruple that number say the plates have no place in a diverse, 21st Century Texas. And just days ago, Texas Governor and presidential hopeful Rick Perry said before national press that said the plates represent "wounds" that shouldn't be reopened.

While I will not debate First Amendment, free speech rights that we as Americans all enjoy, basic tenets supporting that same freedom also say that we do not have the right to yell fire in a crowded room. These freedoms are not absolute and do not carry with them the ability to cause harm to others. As a matter of fact, I urge those who have an opinion on this hot-button issue to also exercise their constitutional right to assemble by making their way to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board meeting to convene beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the John H. Reagan Building, Rm. 120 in Austin on Thursday.

Lastly, for those who hold a more wistful memory of the

Confederate persona, there are reminders that history should remain in proper perspective. Analogous to this debate are more recent events of historical significance and global relevance. In Germany, displaying of the swastika, the emblem of a vanquished Nazi army is illegal and a similar ban is now being considered throughout Europe. On another continent,

there are no state-approved celebrations of once state-sanctioned Apartheid. The reasons are the same. Human pain and misery are not causes for celebration in a civilized nation.

To share your opinion, you can call the Texas DMV toll-free at 1-888-368-4689 or follow instructions at www.txdmv.gov/under "E-Mail Us."

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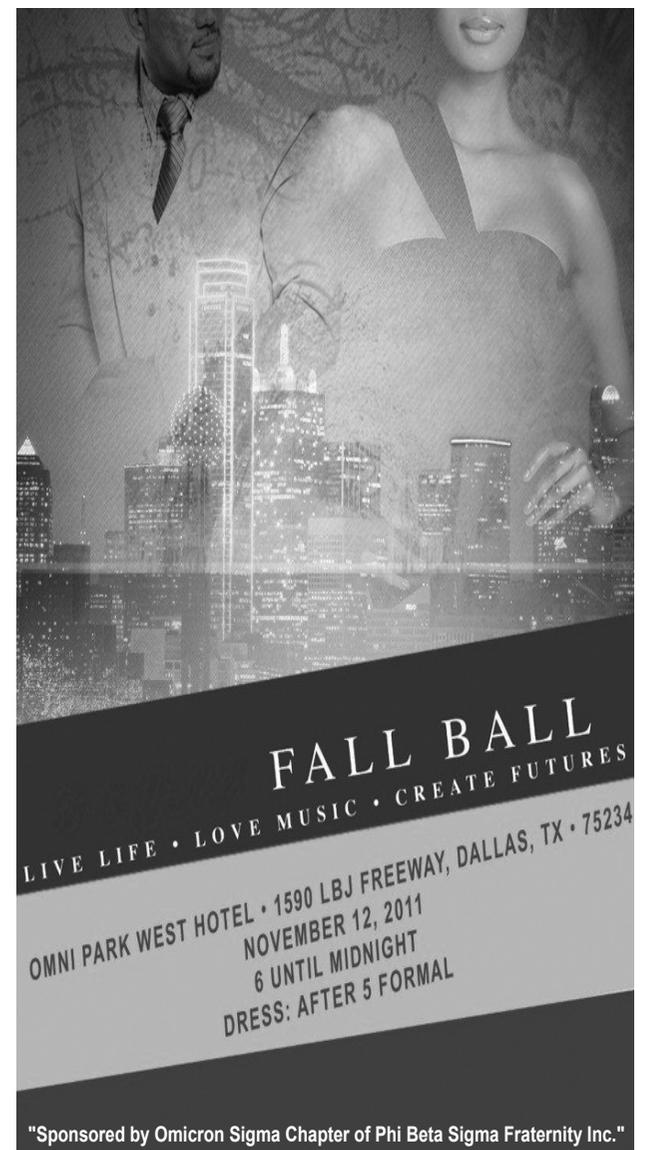
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Local dealer contest offers chance to ride in 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade

A local shop in your area is offering customers a chance to ride on a float in the January 2012 Rose Parade® in Pasadena, Calif. All you need is a favorite story about a Kit-Cat Clock, one of the most well-known icons of home decorating, and some dance moves for a chance to win

In celebration of its 80th Anniversary, the California Clock Co. will feature at least eight Kit-Cat Clocks fans, each representing one decade since the company's founding, on its float in the Rose Parade this January 2. All you have to do is go to your local Kit Cat retailer dressed in your favorite decade attire (30s through the 2000s). Visit Kit Cat Clocks on Facebook for more details.

With their rolling eyes and swinging tails, Kit-Cat Clocks are a bit of Americana. The clocks have been manufactured in this country since 1932. A decorating icon for anyone wanting to

create a nostalgic feel in a movie, commercial or television show, Kit-Cat Clocks have been featured in dozens of Hollywood films including Back to the Future and Honey I Shrunk the Kids as well as in several TV series The Simpsons.

Clocks have been owned by everyone from Lucille Ball to Whoopie Goldberg and Miss Piggy, of Muppets fame.

Called "Timeless Fun for Everyone," Kit-Cat's 55ft parade float will have a retro look, featuring images from all the years the company has brought a smile to lips of its fans. In celebration of the last 50 years manufacturing in California, the Kit Cat Float is the only commercial sponsor in the parade with 100% American grown flowers (over 90% CA grown). A 50's Juke Box will crank out tunes and pro skateboarders, on FIZZ BOARDS, a retro design of the old original banana boards, will zip on an off the



float as it moves down the parade route.

Sorority to host Community Festival this weekend

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host its annual "Community Market Festival" on Saturday, November 12 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Southwest Center Mall, 3662 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas,

Texas. This is a free event open to the public.

The Community Market Festival is Delta's commitment to promote economic development and to provide an opportunity for local business owners and/or vendors to present their

products to the general community. Products include jewelry, watches, scented candles, handbags, ceramic gifts, and much more. The festival will also include a voter registration drive.

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themselves.

"Vision Warrior along with Empower American Children has played a great part in empowering students," said Scot Robinson, Actor and Founder of Vision Warrior. "I've heard from thousands of

teens that the presentation has inspired them to stop using drugs and alcohol and changed their life."

Teachers, coaches and counselors, parents, administrators, community leaders are invited to engage in the con-

versation with Empower American Children and Scot Robinson at www.EmpowerAmericanChildren.org. The program would not be possible without the charitable gift from Andrew Tobias and Joel Greenblatt.

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and has returned to its blatantly exploitative labor practices. We supported the class action lawsuit that was brought by the company's female employees as part of their effort to address gender discrimination at Wal-Mart. Likewise; we will support efforts to hold Wal-Mart to account for its regressive labor practices and lack of commitment to fairness in dealing with its employees.

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.nalt-blackchurch.com.

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UNCF and Brinker International announces new scholarship program

Scholarships support undergraduate students majoring in culinary arts

Brinker International, Inc., one of the world's leading casual-dining restaurant companies and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), the nation's largest and most effective education assistance organization, have announced a new partnership with the creation of the *Brinker International/UNCF Scholarship Program*. The program will help reduce financial barriers to higher education for low-income, diverse college students majoring in culinary arts or other foodservice-related industries. Scholarships valued up to \$2,000 will be awarded to qualifying students who apply by Thursday, Dec. 29.

"UNCF is sincerely



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grateful to Brinker International for their support of our higher education mission," said UNCF Area Development Director Diane Stephenson. "This scholarship will help ensure deserving, yet financially disadvantaged students can attend college and obtain the skills and

knowledge to have successful careers in the foodservice industry. We salute Brinker for their investment in our nation's youth."

UNCF's mission is to serve youth, the community and the nation by supporting students' education and development through

scholarships and other programs; strengthen its member colleges and universities; and advocate for the importance of education. Since its inception, UNCF assistance has enabled more than 350,000 students to graduate from partnering colleges and universities.

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dustry.

For more information visit the "For Students" section of at www.uncf.org or contact UNCF Program Services at 800-331-2244. To support UNCF scholarships or other programs, visit <http://give.uncf.org/dallas> or contact UNCF local office at 972-234-1007.

Tarrant County community college campus to celebrate Veterans Day

The Tarrant County College NE Campus and community will come together to honor veterans and especially students who are veterans Friday, Nov. 11. Starting at 8 am as part of the Remembrance Day National Roll Call, students, faculty, staff and community members will read the names of each of the 6,200 plus casualties of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), now called Operation New Dawn.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Brett

Morris, the National Roll Call coordinator, said, "We wanted to rally campus communities across the nation to send a powerful message to the troops currently serving that their peers have not forgotten their sacrifices, or those of the fallen." TCC is a one of over 160 colleges participating nationwide. Volunteer readers are needed.

For information about the TCC Northeast Campus Veteran's Day activities, contact Shewanda Riley at shewanda.riley@tccd.edu or 817-515-6507.

Irving ISD offering a Parent Academy this weekend

The Irving Independent School District will host its semi-annual Parent Academy for parents with children in Irving ISD or in a neighboring district. This is an opportunity to receive information that will only benefit your child both in school, as well as you as a parent.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 12 at Austin Middle School,

825 E. Union Bower, 75061, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. They will serve light refreshments and childcare on site. Also there is a free bus shuttle from Pierce ECC to Austin Middle School, and a laptop computer will be one of several door prizes, all at no cost.

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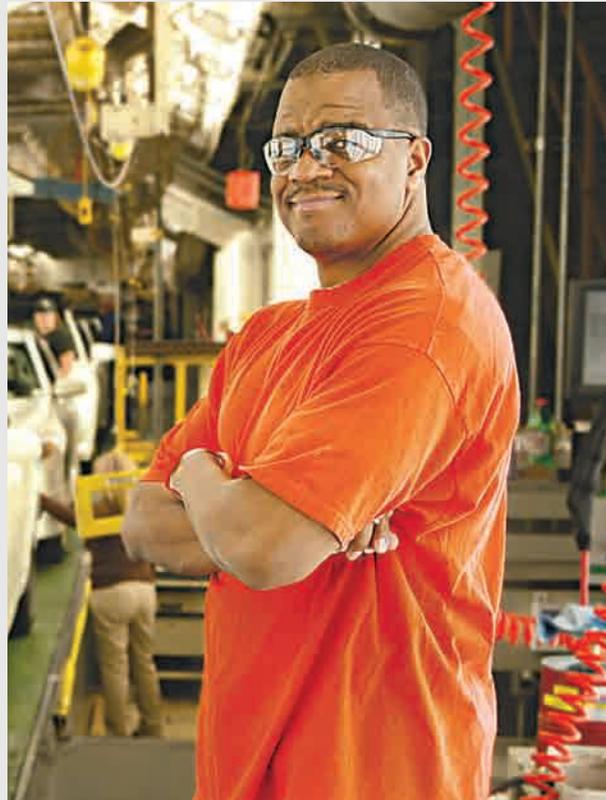
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Ongoing

Every two weeks on Monday the Plano City Council holds its **City Council Meeting** at the Plano Municipal Center, Council Chambers, 1520 K Avenue, Plano, from 7pm – 9:30pm. FREE and open to the public. Info: planotx.org.

Harwood 609, 609 Harwood Street, Dallas, has **Salsa Night** every Thursday night starting at 9:30pm. Info: harwood609jazz.com or 214-740-0609.

Be Fit Frisco presents weekly **Fitness in the Square** sessions Thursday evenings 6:30pm – 7:30pm at Simpson Plaza in front of City Hall, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, Frisco. FREE. Info: frisco.texas.gov.

The Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood Street, Dallas, hosts **Jazz in the Atrium** every Thursday 6pm – 8pm. Performance included with general admission \$10 and under. Info: dallasmuseumofart.org or 214-922-1200.

Harwood 609, 609 Harwood Street, Dallas, hosts an **All You Can Eat Sunday Brunch with Smooth Jazz Sounds of Majik Touch** every Sunday at 11am. Info: harwood609jazz.com or 214-740-0609.

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November 11 -12

Janice Mixon Ministries holds **The Complete Woman Workout 2011 – “Moving with Momentum”** at ITOP, 2010 Lancaster Ave, Fort Worth on 11/11 at 6:30pm and 11/12 at 9:30am. No registration. Info: janicemixonministries.org and 254-772-9500.

November 11 - 13

The South Dallas Cultural Center & the Arga Nova Dance Company present **Forging Ahead! The 11th Annual South Dallas Dance Festival** at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 South Fitzhugh Avenue, Dallas. Showtimes vary. Tickets \$10 general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. Info: 214-886-2321.

Bill Bellamy hits up the Arlington Improv, 309 Curtis Mathes Way, Arlington. Showtimes vary. Tickets \$22. Must be 21+. Info: 817-635-5555.

November 11

The North Texas Minority Chamber of Commerce hosts the **NTMCC Prayer Breakfast** at the Kingdom Internet Café, 2636 Walnut Hill Ln, #275, Dallas, at 8am. FREE. Info: ntmcc.org.

The **National Veterans Day 11k & 1 Mile Walk** will begin at the Magnolia Lounge at Fair Park, 1121 First Avenue, Dallas, from 5:11pm – 7pm. Registration fees vary. Info: nationalveteransdayrun.com.

The Special Events Committee of Balch Springs presents a **Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast** at 13503 Alexander Road (WCID #6 cafeteria), Balch Springs, from 6:30am – 9:30am. FREE. Info: 214-284-0787 or pinedas50@live.com.

The **Dallas Veterans Day Parade** gets started at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Dallas, at 11am. FREE. Info: 214-670-3011 or vetsdayin-dallas.org.

Dress for Success hosts its **2nd Annual Casino Night Charity Event** at Zouk Nightclub, 703 McKinney Ave, Dallas, at 6:30pm. Advanced tickets \$35 and \$45 the day of the event. Info: dfsDallas.org or 972-392-9770.

November 12

Omicron Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity host the **2nd Annual Royal Fall Ball** at the Omni West Hotel, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas from 6:30pm – midnight. Tickets \$65. Info: omicron-sigma1914.org or 972-832-2766.

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters hosts the **24 Hour Stew Pot Film Festival** at the Clarence Muse Café Theatre and room T-314 at the Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex on the corner of Akard and Canton featuring six critically acclaimed documentaries from noon to 4:30pm. Admission \$5. Info: tbaal.org.

Women on the Verge of a Breakthrough Brunch from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., the Keynote Speaker is Dr. Sylvia Hargrave, of Hargrave Eye Center at the Marriott at Market Center located at 2493 N. Stemmons Frwy in Dallas. Tickets info: <http://womenontheverge2011.eventbrite.com>

Pleasant Zion MBC Single’s Ministry presents **The Gospel According to Jazz** featuring saxophonist Marvell at Pleasant Zion MBC, 1910 N. St. Augustine Rd, Dallas, from 4pm – 8pm. Tickets \$10. Info: 214-926-1016.

The City of Frisco holds the **Frisco Community Parade** on Main Street in Frisco from Pizza Hut Park through downtown Frisco from 11am – 1pm. FREE. Info: friscotexas.gov.

The City of Irving holds **It’s Easy to be Green: Simple Tips for Green Living** class at the West Irving Library, 444 West Rochelle Road, Irving from 1pm – 3pm. FREE. Register online at cityofirving.org/begreen/geo/geo.asp. Info: 972-742-2296.

The Dallas Opera has its **Dallas Family Opera Concert** at the Margot & Bill Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora

Street, Dallas. Activities start at noon. Concert starts at 3pm. Tickets \$5. Info: dallasopera.org or 214-443-1000.

The DFW International Community Alliance presents DFW Int’l/Wells Fargo **Program for First Time Homebuyers** bilingual workshop at the Bachman Lake Library, 9480 Webb Chapel Road, Dallas from 2pm – 4pm. FREE. Info: 972-661-2764 or dfwinternational.org.

McKinney hosts **Veterans Memorial Park in McKinney Dedication** at the new Veteran’s Memorial Park, 6053 Weiskopf Ave, McKinney, from 11am – 2pm. FREE. Info: mckinneytexas.org/veterans-memorial.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society presents the **Dallas Winter Pineapple Classic 5k Run** at Double D Ranch, 12809 Eastgate Dr, Mesquite, at 9am. Race participant fees are \$60/individual, \$105/2-person team and \$185/4-person team. Luau-only tickets \$10. Info: 972-996-5912 or michelle.northcut@lls.org.

The **Tomato Battle Festival** comes to Fair Park, 3921 Martin Luther King Blvd, Dallas. Registration starts at noon. Festival runs from 1pm – 7pm. Admission \$49.99. Parking \$10. Info: tomatobattle.com.

This year’s **Help the Homeless Walk and 5k** will honor Dallas’ homeless Veterans at the Fair Park Band Shell, Dallas, starting at 2pm. Registration fees vary. Info: helpthehomelessdallas.org.

November 12 -13

The annual **Travel and Adventure Show** comes to the Dallas Convention Center, 650 Griffin Street, Dallas. 11/12 show hours are 10am – 5pm. 11/13 show hours are 11am – 4pm. Tickets \$9 online or \$15 at the door. Children under 16 are free. Info: adventure-expo.com.

November 13

Educational First Steps (EFS) and the Dallas Zoo team up to present **Literary Day** at the Dallas Zoo, 650 South RL Thornton, Dallas from 10am – 4pm. FREE with paid zoo admission. Info: dalzoo.org or 469-554-7500.

Univision presents the **Fifth Annual Tamale Festival** comes to Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N. Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, from noon – 6pm. FREE. Info: bgalleguillos@univisionradio.com or 214-525-0421.

The Plano Symphony Orchestra holds its **Frisco Family Concert Series – Winds** at the Frisco Discovery Center, 8004 North Dallas Pkwy, Frisco for ages 3-12. Interactive lobby activities begin at 2:15pm. Concert starts at 3pm. Tickets \$7. Info: 972-473-7262 or planosymphony.org.

As part of its FAITH Campaign, Bible Way Community Baptist Church, 4215 North Greenview Dr, Irving is holding a special **All Come Day** service. FREE. Info: 972-257-3766.

November 14

Total Cholesterol Screening for Seniors 60+ and Spouses will be at the Hazel Goodbar Senior Center, 3000 Concord, Mesquite, from 9am-1pm. FREE. Info: 214-689-2230.

November 15

Dehydration Educational Seminar for Seniors will be at the Carter Senior Center, 222 Carver, Garland, at 10:30am. FREE. Info: 214-689-2230.

"Get Your Message Out Faster with QR Codes" at Brown Bag Lunch, Richardson Chamber of Commerce at 411 Belle Grove Drive, Richardson

November 17

The World Affairs Council hosts **The State of Women Internationally: Where are We and Where are We Going?** Conference at the Rosewood Crescent

Hotel, 400 Crescent Ct, Dallas, at 6pm. \$20 - \$35. Info: 214-965-8412 or dfworld.org.

Targeted Job Fairs has a **Tech, Engineer & Security Clearance Job Fair** at the Plano Centre, 2000 Spring Creek, Plano, from 11am – 3pm. FREE. Info: targetedjobfairs.com or 1-800-662-9869.

The Dallas Regional Chamber is holding the **Sustainable Innovation Summit 2011** at the Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce Street, Dallas, from 7:30am – 12:30pm. Admission \$90 for members and \$180 for non-members. Info: 214-742-8200.

The House of Blues, 2200 N. Lamar Street, Dallas, hosts **Game: The R.E.D. Tour** featuring rap artist The Game. Doors open at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Ticket prices vary. Info: houseofblues.com or 214-978-2583.

November 18

7th Annual Real Girls Real Women Luncheon Venus Williams will be the speaker for the event this year at the Hilton Anatole Dallas. Doors open 11:30 a.m., Program 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

November 19

Mother Daughter Banquet at the Mattie Nash Myrtle Davis Recreation Center, 3710 North Hampton Rd, Dallas, from 6pm – 9pm. Tickets \$55, \$10 per additional daughter. Info: 469-285-0876 or motherdaughterbanquet.eventbrite.com

Nov. 5-Jan. 8

"John Marin: Modernism at Midcentury" at Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth

November 20

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 920 E. 14th St, Plano, presents its **71st Annual Thanksgiving Musical** featuring the Family Choir at 6pm. Info: smbplano.org or 972-423-6695.

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Retired 1st Class Corporal Monaque Carter, Sr.



Mr. Monaque Carter, Sr.

BY SHIRLEY DEMUS TARPLEY

Retired 1st Class Corporal Carter born in Gilmer, TX, Upshur County on September 3, 1931, was the last of 11 children born to the union of Mr. Lige & Mrs. Dothia Jones. He attended the East Springfield and Lake Providence Schools in Upshur County where he got a whipping at least four times a week for fighting. He left home at the tender age of 14 settled in California with his aunt where he went to school and worked odd jobs.

Carter was tall and statuesque for his age; and at the age of 16, he lied about his age and enlisted in the United States National Guard. After basic training, he went to Tacoma, Washington; then flown to Seattle, Washington. Following training, Recruit Carter, became Private Carter and shipped to Anchorage, Alaska. Finally, put on a train; and around 40 miles later, he was at his final destination, Fairbanks, Alaska, the coldest city in the United States. The average temperature in Alaska was 40 to 50 degrees below freezing. The extreme cold weather was dangerous. If someone did not recognize just how cold it was, they could easily get frost bitten or freeze to death.

President Harry S. Truman, saw the United States end WW II in 1953, gave orders to send the #450 Battalion Black soldiers to Alaska. Carter was first in the #719 Battalion, an anti-aircraft unit; then sent from #719 Battalion to the #450 Battalion, a combat unit. Carter was a member of the first 2,000 plus Africa Americans' Full Battalions.

This battalion was sent to Fairbanks in order to protect the United States' border (which ran from California to Canada along the Yukon River) from the Russian soldiers. In Fair-

banks, anyone could look across the Yukon River, which is similar to the Trinity River in the Metroplex, and see Russia.

After six months in Fairbanks, Carter was promoted to 1st Class Private Carter, then promoted to Corporal Carter and finally 1st Class Corporal Carter. In the Army, a soldier could get a promotion every six months, depending on his attitude, conduct, abilities, etc.. Carter was a quick learner who obeyed all orders and performed his duties well.



Monaque Carter with sister, the late Mozell Crowe.

Carter's Commanding Officer was Captain Carter, no kin to him. When I asked him for the Captain's first name, he told me that when Captain Carter first introduced himself, he said, "My first name is Captain, and my last name is Carter that is all you need to know," and so it was.

There were teams of four guards on duty for each half of a mile along the Yukon River. Two were going and two were coming back at all times, and each team patrolled for about one hour. It was too cold to patrol longer than one hour because of the risk of frostbite.

In Fairbanks, Carter

found Eskimo people. The 2,000 plus Black men and the color of their skin fascinated the Eskimos. Also in Alaska, they had dry snow meaning the wind could blow drifts easily and pile the snow in high stacks. There were different colors of bears, black, brown and white polar bears, white and grayish wolves and large moose with antlers that were four to six feet long. On a white polar bear only their eyes and nose are black, so it was necessary to be extremely close to see them in the snow.

The homes were round to keep the snow from settling on top of them. The doors had to be built in an L-shape or zigzag pattern to keep the wind-blown dry snow from blocking the entrance to the homes.

When a truck parked overnight, it required leaving a heater in the motor chamber to keep it from freezing. Any liquid poured or dropped liquid would freeze the moment it came in contact with the ground.

Also, Carter said that there was a lot to learn for those that did not think about the world spinning on an axel; just visit or live in Fairbanks, Alaska and witness the earth spinning on

an axel. In addition, during the months of October, November, December, January and part of February there was only approximately one hour of daylight; the rest of the time it was like sundown.

When the Black soldiers first arrived, the weather was so cold that they had to change their socks twice a day, and they had to sleep in tents for three months while the engineers build permanent barracks. Once the soldiers became accustomed to the sub-cold weather, Captain

lima beans; saving string beans for exceptional occasions because only a few people wanted to shell them. The men ate meat (beef, pork or chicken) with every meal.

Fish was served every Friday. They also ate plenty of flounder (a large fish with both eyes on one side of its head.) The flounder has grayish brown mottled skin with orange spots and prickly scales, and they adapt to the surrounding colors for protection from their enemies and for slipping upon their prey.

Initially, Carter received training as a communication expert, but at Fairbanks he was a truck driver pulling heavy equipment and generators. The trucks had short-wave radios. Even today, Carter still likes his short-wave radio and it plays 24-7 in his bedroom, he said. The soldiers often reported to the switchboard operators their positions and conditions of their surroundings. Carter was also a weapons gunner; trained to use the 40, 90 and 120-millimeter guns that shot bullets weighing 40 pounds and more. The bullets were 2 feet and more long; and they could travel a mile and more; also, they would explode upon impact.

When Carter arrived in Fairbanks his salary was \$70 a month, and then \$96 dollars a month; he got a promotion in rank and received \$300 a month. However, with free housing, clothing, meals and laundry service he did not need a lot of money to spend, so he sent money home for his parents to use and saved the majority of his earnings.

The soldiers received their payment in silver dollars, but the coins could be exchanged for paper money at the airport. Silver dollars were difficult to carry around in pants pockets. A

solider could only keep about \$10 in the pockets of their pants, any more would cause their pants to fall. The soldiers could receive passes every weekend to town to see a movie, shop at local stores or visit the local bars and restaurants, and to meet females.

Carter received an honorable discharge in 1954 and lived in California for a while before moving back to Texas. He is married to Jearline. Carter has two sons, Monaque, Jr. (Bubba) and Wayne (Big E), six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is the solo-surviving uncle on the Carter side of the family with, "a bunch of nieces and nephews," he said.

For his 80th birthday on September 3, 2011, he had plenty of nieces and nephews travel from Tennessee, Ohio, California, Houston, Fort Worth, Gilmer, Dangerfield, and more. The family celebrated his birthday for a week, beginning on Saturday, September 3 through Sunday, September 11. The celebration included church service at Greater Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. Fred Conwright, his nephew, is the Senior Pastor. The church began in April of 1963 with 16 adult members. Carter, a founding member, later became a deacon. The majority of members, kin or no kin, adults and children affectionately call him "Uncle Mont"; this is probably because his nephew, the Pastor, calls him "Uncle Mont" and he is the oldest surviving founding member and deacon.

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NDG Gossip: Murray had to know he would not escape manslaughter charge

BY TONYA WHITAKER
NDG STAFF WRITER



Dr. Conrad Murray

After the verdict was reached in the trial of Dr. Conrad Murray for the involuntary manslaughter of Michael Jackson on Nov. 7, I was ecstatic. I paid close attention to the testimonies in this case. It made me roll my eyes to hear the defense attempt to make Michael Jackson 100 percent responsible for his death. Jackson paid the ultimate price of death, but to make things sound as if Jackson killed himself is

hard to believe. Yes, MJ was on route to going six feet by knowingly finding the quack who was money hungry enough to provide him with propofol and anesthesia. Jackson knew these drugs were not meant for home use. Murray knew these medications should not be in Jackson's home. But Murray valued money over a man's life. How quickly the Hippocratic Oath went out his head when the \$150,000 a month paychecks were flashed, if he even took the oath.

Bieber got problems

It really sucks to be Justin Bieber these days. Last week, one of his fans claimed that he is the father of her son. Now, a mentally challenged 14-year-old Kentucky girl said she wants to skin his ex-girlfriend, Caitlin Beadles, alive and kill his current girl – Selena Gomez. According to TMZ, the girl posted her "wishes" on the social media site tumblr.com. The girl said she is has cam-

eras on Beadles for around the clock. In the meantime, the Los Angeles Police Department is working with the girl's mother to monitor her Internet activity. Note to mom: Why is your mentally



Justin Bieber

disabled daughter on the Internet threatening folks? Take that computer, iPhone or whatever she using to threaten people away. Give that girl a book to read or something.

Lewisville Lake Symphony presents "Veteran's Tribute" at MCL Grand

Lewisville Lake Symphony will pay tribute to Veterans Day and to the men and women who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces with two performances of "Veteran's Tribute" on Friday, Nov. 11, and Sunday, Nov. 13, at Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater.

Tickets are \$25 for adults on Friday, \$20 for adults on Sunday, and \$10 for students at either show. Senior citizens receive a \$5 discount. Active-duty military personnel returning from combat deployment, along with their families, can purchase tickets for \$5 each. To order tickets, visit LewisvilleSymphony.tix.com or call 800.595.4849. Advance tickets cannot be purchased at MCL Grand.

All attendees will receive a free American flag.

The program opens with Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man." Also featured is Richard Rodgers' "Victory at Sea" and medleys of tunes from the American



frontier and the Civil War. Interspersed in the program are marches by John Philip Sousa, including "The Stars and Stripes Forever." A program highlight is "Armed Forces Salute" with all five service branch anthems.

Lewisville Lake Symphony moved its Symphony Series this year to the new 296-seat performance hall at MCL Grand, with four shows planned during the 2011-12 season. Remaining programs are "Stars of the Future" on Feb. 17, and "Spring Romance" on April 27 and 29.

The Symphony Series previously had been held at Lakeland Baptist Church in Lewisville. The free Chamber

Series will remain at Trinity Presbyterian in Flower Mound.

Now in its 28th season, the Lewisville Lake Symphony has been recognized by the Texas Senate as one of the most respected, all-professional regional orchestras in the Lone Star State. It is one of six local groups receiving funding during 2011-12 from the City of Lewisville arts support grant program designed to foster cultural and fine arts in the community.

For information about Lewisville Lake Symphony, call 972.874.9087 or visit www.LewisvilleSymphony.org.

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Union for Federal Correctional Officers calls on Justice Department to stop discrimination/retaliation against officers

The American Federation of Government Employees Council of Prison Locals on November 1 held an informational picket in front of the Department of Justice headquarters. They requested Attorney General Eric

Holder and the United States Congress to hold Bureau of Prisons (BOP) leadership accountable for failure to make changes. They feel the climate of retaliation and discrimination that is running rampant in the federal prison system

requires a response. An adverse Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) report exposing retaliation and discrimination in the BOP released last November. So far the agency has yet to enforce various remedies brought

forward from the investigation.

"Not only do correctional workers face life threatening situations on a daily basis, but they are facing retaliation from managers should they choose to file an EEOC

complaint in the system. BOP management has done the bare minimum to address this issue and we're calling on Congress and Attorney General Holder to hold them accountable for their lack of real action," explained Michael

Castelle, Sr. He is the National Fair Practices Coordinator for the AFGE Council of Prison Locals.

The November 2010 EEOC Bureau of Prisons evaluation report stemmed from concerns over the un-

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Dallas unites in celebrating Veterans Day Week through service and volunteering

Americans from all walks of life will unite this Veterans Day, on 11/11/11 to honor active military, veterans and military families as part of ServiceNation's Mission Serve initiative which inspires Americans not currently serving in the military to honor of those who do, through shared service. In establishing Veterans Day as a day of celebration and service,



Mission Serve will host 11 large-scale volunteer events in 11 major U.S. cities; Dallas, Denver, Honolulu, Los Angeles, New York City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa, Tucson and Washington, D.C.

In Dallas, with the support of Dell, Inc., Volunteer Center of North Texas, the East Dallas Boys & Girls Club, and the USO, civilian volunteers from Dell, Inc. will combine forces with military veterans and family members to paint, repair, re-

furbish and beautify the East Dallas Boys & Girls Club.

This year, the addition of a high profile social media component, led by prominent celebrities like Dwayne Johnson and Miley Cyrus, will see that millions of Twitter and Facebook followers learn how to volunteer in support of active military, veterans and military families. Other celebrity supporters of the initiative include Megan Fox, Brandon Routh, Alex O'Loughlin, Masi Oka,

Scott Caan, Daniel Dae Kim, Laird Hamilton and Gabrielle Reece.

Americans who do not live in these featured cities will also be able to log onto the Bank of America-sponsored website to find volunteer opportunities in their own region, plan events and encourage those volunteering to do it in honor of someone special.

To find events and ongoing volunteer opportunities, users go to www.MissionServe.org and enter their zip code to find service projects and organizations in their own neighborhood.

The Mission Serve initiative was launched on Veterans Day 2009 with support from First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, and asks civilian and military communities across America to come together through service and volunteerism.

Alternative Poverty Measure demonstrates government programs help reduce poverty

The Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) released this week by the Census reveals government has a key role to play in reducing poverty, CLASP, the Center for Law and Social Policy said today.

"While the SPM shows an overall increase in poverty, there's a much bigger story," said Alan W. Houseman, executive director of CLASP, the Center for Law and Social Policy. "The increase in poverty based on the SPM would have been much more substantial without poverty-alleviating programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, SNAP and

housing subsidies. This is no small feat.

"The SPM demonstrates government programs work," Houseman added. "As lawmakers debate deficit reduction and cutting domestic programs, they should keep this report in mind. With high unemployment and increasing poverty, it would be counterproductive to slash poverty-alleviating programs at any time but especially now when need is increasing."

The official poverty measure is based on an antiquated 1960s-era formula that does not take into account modern living ex-

penses such as transportation costs, medical expenses and child care costs. It reflects a poverty rate of 15.1 percent or 46.6 million people. The SPM calculates poverty based on these expenses but also considers tax benefits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit as well as in-kind benefits such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or food stamps), housing subsidies, school lunch and energy assistance. By this measure, poverty increased to 16 percent or 49.1 million. According to Census, the SPM would have been 2 percent higher without EITC and in-kind benefits.

Obama Jobs Bill Blocked by Senate Republicans

(NNPA) President Barack Obama continued to tout his jobs agenda Nov. 3 as Senate Republicans dealt him another defeat, stopping a \$60 billion infrastructure bill.

The bill, which was defeated by a 51-49 vote, fell short of the 60 votes needed to continue work on the measure, according to the Associated Press.

Before the vote, Obama spoke at one of the Washington D.C. metropolitan area's dilapidated bridges, saying, "I trust in God, but God wants to see us help ourselves by putting people back to work!"

Republican leaders said the president was pushing the bill to gain an advantage in public perception ahead of next year's elections, and had not sought to compro-



mise on its specifics.

"The truth is, Democrats are more interested in building a campaign message than in rebuilding roads and bridges," Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky told the AP. "And frankly, the American people deserve a

lot better than that."

The current national unemployment rate stood at 9.1 percent in September, according to federal statistics. In a statement issued by the White House, Obama directly challenged Republican leadership on the issue.

"The American people deserve to know why their Republican representatives in Washington refuse to put some of the workers hit hardest by the economic downturn

back on the job rebuilding America," Obama said. "It's time for Republicans in Congress to put country ahead of party and listen to the people they were elected to serve. It's time for them to do their job and focus on Americans' jobs."

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November 5 marked the beginning rather than an end to consumers acting in concert to change bank practices. Consumers clearly understood the new debit card fee; far less clarity surrounds overdraft fees, a nagging consumer nemesis. All too often, consumers do not know of these mounting charges until they receive a bank statement. According to research by the Center for Responsible Lending, bank overdraft fees cost customers \$24 billion each year.

Although the Dodd-Frank Consumer Protection Act guarantees that banks can only assess these fees once a customer opts in, there is still

something inherently unfair about an average \$35 fee per debit card transaction instead of just declining a purchase and avoiding the fee. CRL research also found overwhelming consumer support for the fee-free denial.

Then there is the emergence of bank payday lending. This no-lose proposition for banks, deducts the full amount of an advance deposit loan -- plus fees from a customer's next deposit. The result for the customer is the same turnstile of debt wrought from storefront payday lenders. Each year, the cycle of debt caused by payday loans -- regardless of the lender -- costs 12 million con-

sumers \$1.4 billion in fees alone.

Whatever results from Bank Transfer Day, one thing is as commendable as it is memorable: Consumers have moved from anger to direct actions in their own defense. The collective power of millions of nameless, faceless consumers was claimed.

Here's hoping that power will be preserved and wielded to enact more progressive change.

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usually large number of complaints BOP employees filed during fiscal years 2003-2006. The employees alleged retaliation. A class action complaint alleged a pattern and practice of retaliation against employees, which included supporting declarations from current and former BOP employees. This, as well as other anecdotal information, suggested a measure of perceived retaliation at BOP higher than in other federal agencies.

The findings of the EEOC report also show that employees lack confidence in BOP's EEO program and employees are

unfamiliar with the EEO process and their rights. The EEOC reviewed several facilities, each geographically removed from the others, directly supervised by a different warden, and physically separate from the others. However, employee perceptions and misperceptions, as well as their lack of knowledge about, and confidence in, BOP's EEO program, were strikingly similar.

According to reports, the "EEOC believes that the changes required to remedy the issues addressed in our findings – fear of retaliation, lack of confidence in BOP's EEO

program, and lack of familiarity with the EEO process and employee rights – must be implemented in a proactive and measured way that includes established time frames and monitoring."

The EEOC recommendations include: (1) BOP's EEO agency must be realigned. At the time of the report, the EEO office was out of the Office of General Counsel. However, EEO regulations stipulate that the EEO director report directly to the agency head. BOP's organizational structure is in clear violation of this requirement; (2) BOP must increase management support for EEO.

EEOC's investigation found that some management officials expressed a belief that EEO was primarily a means whereby employees and unions manipulated management. The EEOC recommends remedying revising and reissuing EEO policies, require mandatory EEO training, holding managers accountable for EEO violations and that each area facility to have an EEO counselor; (3) BOP headquarters EEO office must monitor its field operations; (4) BOP must ensure confidentiality. It must be stressed that all EEO information is confidential; (5) BOP should

abolish the vouchering system.

"The EEOC has made some basic recommendations to right the wrongs of agency management. The EEOC laid out a reasonable timeline of quarterly progress reports on BOP's efforts to implement each of the recommendations as well as detailed action plans to achieve these goals. More than 6 months later, little has been done," explained Castelle. "There is no process in place for the agency to effectively monitor the EEO program in the field; and negotiations have not taken place on harassment and the

agency's EEO policies. The affirmative action program at the agency is still very cosmetic, just as it was prior to the report."

"Retaliation and harassment toward those who participate in the agency EEO process has not diminished since the issuance of the EEOC report. Managers that discriminate at the Bureau of Prisons do so with complete impunity. We are urging Congress and Attorney General Holder to take action and demand accountability of BOP management for their cavalier attitude toward the well-being of their employees," concluded Castelle.

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and magazines. Monetary donations will go toward the cost of shipping the boxes, which are \$12.50 each.

With help from the community, the hospital delivered 350 care packages last year to soldiers in Iraq

and Afghanistan.

"With the wonderful news that soldiers serving in Iraq are coming home soon, Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale is happily expanding its popular and annual campaign to include any soldier any-

where around the world who won't be home for the holidays," said Julie Martin, TRMC-Sunnyvale's director of business development. "Give us soldiers' names and addresses, and we'll make sure they receive our special packages."

The public is asked to bring donations in open boxes. A list of popular items for donation is available at <http://www.TexasRegionalMedicalCenter.com>. TRMC-Sunnyvale will accept donations until Dec. 14.

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White House: What a jobs plan looks like

As we continue to climb out of the worst recession since the Great Depression and Americans continue to struggle, it is clear that the need for continued action is urgent. There are things that Washington can do right now to create jobs and grow the economy, and President Obama has put together the

American Jobs Act to do exactly that.

Unfortunately, even as the President is doing all he can through his executive powers in the "We Can't Wait" campaign, the American Jobs Act is being blocked by Republicans in the Senate who have voted in unison against these common sense, broadly

supported proposals, and Republicans in the House refuse to even give the bill a vote. Senate Republicans have offered their own alternative as an excuse to oppose the President's plan, but a look at them side by side leads to only one conclusion: one is truly a jobs plan, and one is not.

IS IT A JOBS PLAN?

AMERICAN JOBS ACT PROPOSED BY SEN. CLAY

REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE INTRODUCED BY SEN. BROWN

TOTAL JOBS ADDED:

- UP TO 1.8 MILLION** (American Jobs Act)
- N/A** (Republican Alternative)

SUPPORT KEY PROVISIONS:

- Support the Small Business Jobs Act
- Support the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act
- Support the Energy Independence and Security Act
- Support the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

OPPOSE KEY PROVISIONS:

- Oppose the 2012 Budget
- Oppose the 2012 Tax Plan
- Oppose the 2012 Social Security Plan
- Oppose the 2012 Medicare Plan

TAXES FOR WORKING FAMILIES:

- GO DOWN:** Lower rates for middle class families
- GO UP:** Allow rates to go up for wealthy families

TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOM:

- UP TO 400,000:** Hire up to 400,000 new teachers
- N/A:** No new teachers hired

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS BACK ON THE JOB:

- HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS:** Hire hundreds of thousands of construction workers
- N/A:** No new construction workers hired

TAXES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES:

- EVERY ONE GETS A TAX CUT:** Every small business gets a tax cut
- N/A:** No tax cuts for small businesses

TAX BREAK TO HIRE VETERANS:

- UP TO \$5,000:** Tax break to hire veterans
- N/A:** No tax break to hire veterans

WALL STREET REFORM:

- MAINTAINS REFORMS:** Maintain Wall Street reforms
- GOES BACKWARDS:** Roll back Wall Street reforms

IS IT A JOBS PLAN?

YES (American Jobs Act) **NO** (Republican Alternative)

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Hire a Hero, Hire a Veteran

Duty. Honor. Country. Spoken by General Douglas MacArthur, these three words outlined the ideals that inspire America's service members. This philosophy transcends every aspect of their lives; shaping their personal and professional character. In honor of their service this Veterans Day, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) recognizes Texas'

1.8 million military veterans for their dedication and service, and encourages local employers to do the same.

Former members of the military are a valuable resource to area businesses and a vital component of the Texas workforce. While in the service, many soldiers, sailors and airmen work in professional fields equivalent to civilian posi-

tions, such as engineering, information technology, health care, telecommunications, transportation, food services and construction. Last month's announcement of the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq by year's end will bring many of our brave service members home, and many will need to tran-

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Needless to say, Carter received numerous cards, letters and money (especially from some nieces and nephews that were not able to attend the week-long celebration); he also received a Citizen's Eco Drive watch from a granddaughter. He is godly proud to show off and brag about his watch along with his many other gifts, that he also shows excitedly to friends and visitors.

He said to Bubba, "It's a long story, I'll tell you about it."

Carter is extremely grateful and thankful to say, "God has been good to me

these 80 years, mighty good; and I thank Him for His blessings, His goodness and His mercy."

Happy Veterans Day to all the terrific veterans; may God bless you with a healthy and long life. North Dallas Gazette's staff is grateful for your dedication in protecting the United States of America during your military service to our great country.

When the party ended on Saturday, November 10, Robert, a nephew, asked "Uncle Mont" if he needed help in carrying a particular gift bag (the one with the money and checks in it) to his car. He quickly told Robert that he could easily handle that job by himself.

Carter has the respect and admiration of his neighbors - both young and old. One particular young neighbor, Jennifer, who lives across the street from him, calls him "Mr. Clark" not Mr. Carter. Her entire family and friends call him, "Mr. Clark." He tried many times unsuccessful to correct Jennifer, but he was not successful, so he now accepts the name and answers to "Mr. Clark" when they

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November 13

Join us for Early Worship at 8 a.m.; Bible Classes at 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. and afternoon Worship at 3 p.m.

November 17, Noon

Come to a "Between Jobs Support Group" meeting at the Christian Works for Children, 6320 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240. Call 972-960-9981 to register.

November 19, 8:30 a.m.

Join us for our Men's Prayer Breakfast and Training. Call the church for details.

November 23

Come to our Bible Study Class at 10:30 a.m. and our Evening Bible Classes at 7 p.m.

Brother Ramon Hodridge,
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November 13

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November 16, 7 p.m.

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November 16, 7:30 p.m.

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November 15-17

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Pastor Autry
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November 16, 7 p.m.

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November 11-13

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November 13

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November 16, 12 p.m.

Come to our Noonday Bible Study to learn more about the Word of God; and at 7 p.m. for our Wednesday Night Bible Study.

Pastor Robert Townsend
11611 Webb Chapel Road
Dallas, TX 75229
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November 10, 9:30 a.m.

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November 13, 10:30 a.m.

You're invited to celebrate our Pastor's and wife's 42nd Anniversary during worship service with us.

Dr. Robert Price, Sr.
Senior Pastor
9550 Shepherd Road
Dallas, TX 75243
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November 11, 7 p.m.

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November 12, 12 Noon

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November 12, 9 a.m.

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Dr. Leslie W. Smith,
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1010-1020 S. Sherman Street
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www.ndcbf.org

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November 13

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November 16, 7 p.m.

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November 13

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November 13

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November 13, 11 a.m.

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November 17, 7 p.m.

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November 13

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November 15, 7:30 p.m.

You're invited to our Pastoral Care Night as Pastor Voss bring the Word of God; and we worship and praise God.

November 17, 8 p.m.

Join us in our Gift Stirring Night as Saints of God bring God's Word and reveal their God-giving talents.

Dr. Gregory Voss,
Senior Pastor
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Building 300
Carrollton, TX 75006
214-514-9147

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“And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, **If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee around, and keep thee in on every side.**” **Luke 19:41-43 (KJV)**

Jesus was making his military victory entry into the city of Jerusalem. The Pharisees were complaining about the excitement of His disciples as He made His way into the city. They were celebrating a life that had blessed them and countless others: Jesus was saddened by the response of the Pharisees. He knew what His presence could do for the city. But He also knew they would not change. The city would reject His presence

and crucify Him. His presence would bring peace to the city if they embraced who He was - the author of peace. Now it would be hidden from their eyes because of unbelief.

Every city can be blessed by the presence of Jesus in their midst. However, it requires city leaders to invite the presence of Jesus into their city in order for that city to experience peace. Jesus comes to bring peace in any situation. But, He also realizes He will divide city leaders because of unbelief and political correctness.

God will give Christians comfort through the Holy Spirit; through their brothers and sisters in Christ and through their dear friends, if they take a stand and do the right thing; and pray for the leaders in the city. He will also help them to carefully and mindfully show grace and love to those who are hurting in their city and community. He gives Christians insight and wisdom for ministering to people in the

city who have serious illness and who live day to day with the affects of an incurable disease. Also, to people who have addictions that they may not understand or identify with, or to those who have issues with which they can identify.

Even to people who are grieving over the loss of a loved one, a pet, a job, a home; to people who are struggling to overcome and live with life-altering disabilities. Christians must always thank God for their health and the many blessings He has bestowed upon them.

Pray for Christians that make wrong choices and fall into a life of sin. Ask that the Holy Spirit would move in a mighty way to convict them of their sin and their need to repent. Pray that God will give them strength and direction to step up out of that pit and return to Him as their first love. Pray for their soul and ask God to move in these special situations. Christians need to pray for those who do not

know God; ask Him to bring people and circumstances into unbeliever's lives that God's power may be shown and their eyes may be opened.

Don't forget to pray for those in authority in your city, county and state. **1 Timothy 2:1-2 (KJV)** says, "I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honest."

Whereas, it was once thought of those in politics, military, religion, and economics as controlling the earth, today we recognize the enormous influence wielded by those in the city and in the workplace. Our mindsets are changing; those in the city and workplace, including business leaders, Christians must now include as those in authority.

God is transferring His anointing to be placed upon



Retired Sergeant Eugene H. Tinner, United States Army; we honor this veteran and thank him for his service to our country. Tomorrow is Veterans Day 2011, God bless all veterans

all saints to get the job done. This is requiring the local church to give more focus on equipping men and women to live out their faith in the city, workplace and in their communities. The modern day Church is in a

major shift! In order to see a major harvest in the last days, it will have to come through the largest segment of the body of Christ - those who are Christ's representatives in the city, business, and education.

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sition to the civilian labor force.

Recognizing that military veterans are often equipped with the technical skills, education, professionalism and leadership experience needed in the civilian workforce, TWC formed the Texas Veterans Leadership Program (TVLP) in 2008. TVLP is a resource and referral network that serves to connect returning veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan with the resources and tools they need to transition to the civilian workforce. To date, TVLP has served 7,551 veterans. Hiring military veterans offers them bright futures, and helps reduce recruitment and training needs for employers.

Launched this year, College Credit for Heroes is a TWC initiative designed to award veterans and service members college credits for their military experience, allowing these veterans to more easily re-enter the workforce.

Currently in its pilot stages, College Credit for Heroes consists of seven community colleges that will provide models for awarding college credit in allied health fields by evaluating military training, in-

cluding testing and prior learning assessments. College Credit for Heroes will ultimately give our returning veterans faster employment opportunities and help fulfill the workforce needs in Texas.

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1968 Olympic icon John Carlos visits Dallas

BY DONALD WILLIS

What is there to say about a man who has marched to the same beat for forty-three years. John Wesley Carlos, the 1968 Olympic bronze medal winner in the 200-meter, has stood tall in the saddle to send messages of hope and strength. His desire to make a difference did not start in Mexico City on a hot summer night in 1968. It began in Harlem twelve years earlier, when two New York police officers told Carlos to travel the straight and narrow road, instead of the bumpy road of crime.

Today, Carlos is still beating the drum of success for the middle class, which includes education. It sounds more like the Occupy Wall protest, which is the same protest Dr. Martin Luther King championed in the 1960s.

The Pan African Connection Book Store and Resource Center was the place to be as Carlos shared wisdom from trials, tribulations and testimonies. Carlos began the evening by assuring the audi-



John Carlos and Donald Willis

ence that like them, encouraging them to not praise him because it is a blessing to share his knowledge with others.

Yes, Carlos primary purpose for the appearance was selling books, but Carlos took the audience on a journey. He held the audience captive with stories of his children making failing grades. Although he was a party guy

every weekend, for Carlos as a parent the primary concern was the academic success of his children. Carlos inspired the audience with stories about facing your oppressor face-to-face as we live in the world of flashy cars, large house and designers clothes.

He is that guy one could have a beer with even though you do not drink, but you just want to share one with the

guy sitting next to you. Carlos is sixty-six years old now, but looks fifty-six with a great vocabulary to go along with his humor and charisma.

We read about legends but never think we will have the opportunity to meet one. Then John Carlos comes to town, last week I met a legend and enjoyed an evening that will stay with me forever.

Dallas church hosting 58th annual Women's Day

Salem Institutional Baptist Church, 3918 Crozier St. in Dallas, will play host to its 58th annual Women's Day at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27. The theme of the event is Christian women living by God's word on a daily basis.

Carrie Holmes, a commercial real estate agent, will serve as the guest speaker. Holmes is wife of Zan Wesley Holmes Jr., pastor emeritus of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church.

The event is free. For more information, call 214-428-3797.

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