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Parents and community leaders discuss options regarding representation on Irving ISD school board

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Despite a cold and rainy Saturday, several concerned members of the community met at Bear Creek Community Church to discuss their concerns about fair representation on the Irving Independent School District



Carlos Quintanilla, CEO of Accion America

(Irving ISD). Although the student population is reportedly over 80 percent the school board is filled with only white trustees.

The community leaders believe it is time for Irving ISD to move from the at-large system to single-member

districts. The goal is to elect a school board that reflects the minority population of the communities within the district.

Carlos Quintanilla, community activist and founder of accionamerica.com, spoke with the

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We Are Not Trash: A ONE Dallas Movement



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NMSDC names Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing Corporation of the year

Top Supplier Diversity Professional, Affiliate Council and Minority Businesses Also Honored

The National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.®, (NMSDC®) presented Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America,



NMSDC President Joset Wright (center) presents the Corporation of the Year award to Shigeki Terashi, president and chief operating officer of Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.

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Oprah comes to town

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COMMENTARY

New effort begins to identify discriminatory mortgage lending

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

Many times consumers question whether complaining about a financial problem will ever do any good. Now, thanks to a new initiative by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), no one needs to wonder anymore. Beginning December 1, the consumer watchdog agency is asking consumers to tell them about unfair or illegal practices that occurred be-

fore, during or after getting a mortgage loan. The agency promises to give every complaint a fair review, and it will also use the information gathered as a guide when considering new consumer protections.

The CFPB should expect to get an earful. A wealth of research documents how communities of color have borne the brunt of predatory lending and the foreclosures that followed. Too many African-Ameri-

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Lisa Perry Makes Illusions a Reality

Welcomes Addison Mayor Pro Tempore Blake W. Clemens at Addison Launch

Renowned DFW style icon, Lisa Perry, is once again bringing Madison Avenue, Rodeo Drive, and the Champs-Elysees to life in the Metroplex with her newly launched Illusions by Lisa Perry brand, a virgin hair solutions producer and manufacturer. Perry celebrated

the launch of her Addison, TX headquarters with an open house that focused on her production operations. Perry conducted personal tours for dignitaries and members of the media that highlighted her operations. Perry welcomed and met with Addison Mayor Pro Tempore



Blake W. Clemens at the launch.

While personally conducting a tour for Mayor Pro Tem Clemens, Perry stated, "I chose Addison as the location for the Illusions by Lisa Perry headquarters for several reasons. One is that Addi-

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The all-new 2012 Prius v

Can a new way of thinking save the world?

Next time you're at the store eyeing those funny looking energy-efficient light bulbs, remember that they drastically cut down on greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. It's a greener way of thinking, something that Toyota knows well. From hybrid technology to waste reduction.

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Mike Thomas

Three highly decorated NFL veterans, a basketball coach with two Milestone Coaching Awards and the first African American female track & field athlete to graduate from Texas Southern University are a few among several notable sports figures selected to be inducted into the 2011 Class of the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame (TB-SHOF). Sponsored by Parish Restaurants, LTD, these 10 living icons of Lone Star sports lore will be enshrined at a luncheon

banquet on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Dallas Marriot City Center (formerly the Westin City Center Hotel), 650 N. Pearl Street, in downtown Dallas.

2011 marks the 16th Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame, honoring athletes, coaches and other figures who made Black sports history in Texas great. This coveted sports program operates under the umbrella of the Friends of Sports History at The African American Museum. First introduced in 1996, the TB-

SHOF chronicles the sports history contributions made by African American Texans. The general public submits the nominees, and then a panel of judges (including journalists in sports and media) makes the final selection.

The 2011 inductees are:

BASKETBALL

Pam Green, nine time letterman while at South Oak Cliff High School

Jason Sasser, small forward for Sacramento Kings

COACH

Goree Johnson, state championship winning coach of the 1996-97 Kim-



ball Knights Charles Walton, 32 of the All-Southwest Ath-

years coaching football, basketball and track at W.H. Atwell Middle School

James White, two Milestone Coach Awards by Texas Assoc. of Basketball Coaches for 500 and 600 wins

FOOTBALL

Sid Blanks, halfback for the Houston Oilers, 1964-68

Gary "Peanut" Nicholas, member

letic Conference football team in 1976

John Thomas Smith, 12 years in the NFL; led the NFL in receptions in 1987

Mike Thomas, 1975 NFL offensive rookie of the year

TRACK & FIELD

Norma Huger, gold medalist in the 4x100 meter relay at the 1963 Pan American Games

Some of the past TB-SHOF inductees have included: Ernie Banks, Zina Garrison (1996); Jethro Pugh, Jerry LeVias ('97); Dick "Night Train" Lane,

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Myrlie Evers-Williams

BY DEREK TURNER
NDG SPECIAL
CONTRIBUTOR

In an honor bestowed on only a handful of individuals, the United States Navy selected NAACP civil and voting rights icon Medgar Evers as the namesake of their newest ship. Christened in San Diego, California on November 12 by his widow Myrlie Evers-Williams, the USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13) will serve as a supply ship for the Navy starting in the first quarter of 2012.

"I am just so honored for Medgar and all of the other people who gave their lives in the civil rights movement, particularly those in Mississippi. In my humble estimation, very few of them have received rightful acknowledgment of their contributions," remarked Evers-Williams. "He was a man who did believe in this country, and he believed in his people. He wanted things to be just and fair, and he was willing to work for that."

Medgar Wiley Evers, an

Army veteran, was born and raised in Mississippi, where, after completing his military service in 1946, he returned to earn his degree from Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Alcorn State University). After graduation, Evers began working on behalf of the NAACP in the fight to end segregation. In 1954, Evers became the first NAACP state field secretary in Mississippi.

As field secretary, Evers organized boycotts and demonstrations to bring attention to the pervasive discrimination and urge an end

to racial injustice. He also led the investigation into the murder of Emmitt Till, who, at the age of 14, was killed for talking to a white woman.

Evers may be best remembered for his fight to secure voting rights for all Americans. He helped lead the charge for voting rights in Mississippi, organizing voter registration ef-



forts across the state.

After returning from an NAACP meeting on June 12, 1963, Medgar Evers was assassinated outside his home by a member of the White Citizens' Council. Just two months before his murder, Evers anticipated that his work for civil rights would bring about his demise. "I expect to be shot anytime I step out of my car... if I die, it will be in a good cause."

Evers murder served as one of the catalysts for President John F.

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Michael Baisden

Radio personality Michael Baisden announced the details of his "Million Dollar Business Pitch" campaign during his nationally

2011. Last month, Baisden initially announced his plans to provide a half-million dollars to small businesses and non-profits via the campaign. Listeners were instructed to tune into the radio show, Twitter, or Facebook on November 28th for submission details.

Since then, Baisden has been telling his listeners, "There's no such thing as luck in business; you have to be prepared when opportunity presents itself!"

syndicated show, "The Michael Baisden Show," on Monday, November 28,

That opportunity was revealed in a three-step process for entrepreneurs to submit their

businesses for a chance at a portion of a \$500,000 small business investment, contributed solely by Baisden. Beginning January 2012, Baisden promises to begin cutting checks for businesses that can pitch their profit and non-profit companies the best. But there is a catch, he added: Those selected must be committed to "Paying it Forward." "I want to support entrepreneurs who understand the importance of giving back," states Baisden.

Michael also stated that the process of submitting a business is not an easy one, nor was it meant to be. "In order to achieve success you must be diligent, organized, and, above all else, have integrity," he says. Entrepreneurs who are prepared for the challenge must go through three steps to get to the final round. Those steps are as follows:

Step One - Read the

Terms & Conditions then fill out the application online at <http://www.BaisdenLive.com>, include a brief description of your business and submit a one- to three-minute video pitch of your business.

Step Two - If you make it to "Step 2" you will be contacted to submit a complete comprehensive questionnaire, submit your business plan, your business financials and tax returns.

Step Three - If selected for "Step 3" Michael Baisden will fly you to a city of his choice to pitch your business live in front of him, a live audience and other potential investors. (Airfare, ground transportation and hotel will be at his expense.)

The winners will receive an investment of \$10,000 to \$100,000 in accordance with the rules.

For more information log onto <http://www.Baisdenlive.com> and click the Million Dollar Pitch banner. You can also connect with the Michael Baisden Show

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SCLC seeks assistance from the Justice Dept

Reprint of letter sent to the U.S. Department of Justice

Ms. Carmelita Pope Freeman
Southwest Regional Director
U.S. Dept. of Justice Community Relations Service

The Fort Worth Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

(SCLC) requests federal intervention to secure relief from the City of Fort Worth, Texas Police Department's pattern of excessive use of deadly force that endangers the black and brown communities. We believe that ingrained institutional racism has allowed this egregious behavior to flourish in the police ranks.

[1] We have reliable information from high level City

of Fort Worth officials that the mayor, city staff, police department and the overzealous Police Officers Association will continue to ignore our concerns and persist in their oppressive actions toward the minority communities. We have attempted futilely to seek remedy directly from the Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead through face-to-face communication. We are left with no al-

ternative but to pursue federal assistance. [2]

Since 2004, there have been six questionable deaths (five by Tasers and one by shooting) by the Fort Worth Police Department. We believe the City of Fort Worth's and police administration's failure to properly recruit, train and supervise the officers have enabled this pattern of excessive use of deadly force

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can and Latino borrowers received high-cost, risky mortgages when they could have qualified for lower-cost and more sustainable loans. Now foreclosures are happening more quickly in communities of color than anywhere else—a curious phenomenon when one considers that white homeowners hold far more of troubled home loans. By one estimate, Black and Brown communities have lost \$350 billion of wealth during this Great Recession, according to the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). Even worse - these communities already had the least to lose.

During the subprime boom and long before the CFPB was formed, there was no shortage of mortgage-related complaints—but very few received serious consideration. Responsibility for mortgage protections was parceled out among at least half a dozen regulatory agen-

cies, some of whom were very friendly to the lenders they were supposed to be monitoring. Now, with the CFPB on the job, we can expect a much sharper focus on consumer complaints and a stronger commitment to resolving them.

For any doubting Thomas that remains cynical about progress on consumer complaints, consider what happened when the CFPB asked the public to share their problems with credit cards. Between July 21 and October 21 this year, the Bureau received 5,074 complaints. Of these complaints, 74 percent have now been resolved. Issues raised involved billing disputes, identity theft and other fraud.

We now know that 397,000 African-American families lost their homes on mortgages made between 2004 and 2008. Some opponents of reform try to blame

affordable housing programs, but the facts don't support that position. Wall Street became ravenous for the most dangerous types of loans, and lenders obliged by aggressively marketing them without bothering to underwrite. Moreover, CRL's most recent research shows that borrowers of color with higher incomes and good credit scores received riskier loans than similar white borrowers.

The result has been tragic for the families involved and also crippling to the entire economy. The CFPB represents a genuine effort to make sure this doesn't happen again. The Bureau is now open for business, and it wants to hear consumers' side of the story. Individuals may file complaints related to any part of the mortgage process, including the wrongful denial

of a loan, overcharges on lending fees, problems with the way mortgage payments are collected, and abuses related to foreclosures.

For more information, visit the CFPB website at <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/>. Specific mortgage complaints may be filed at: <http://rspnsb.li/uTxRb5>.

To learn more about what's at stake for everyday Americans and how CFPB can help protect consumer financial interests, visit CRL's web at: <http://rspnsb.li/s915qX>

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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 Council.

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.

More donations and sponsors arrive for TRMC-Sunnyvale's Support Our Troops

Donations keep coming for Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale's holiday campaign, Support Our Troops. As of 8 a.m. Dec. 5, more than 40 local soldiers and others in their military units had been adopted and will receive care packages from the hospital, community organizations, businesses, schools, churches and individuals.

The campaign's current list of co-sponsors includes:

- Berean Baptist Church in Sunnyvale
- Sunnyvale Independent School District
- Cotton Mill Learning Center in Rowlett
- Calvary Baptist Church in Mesquite
- Moss Elementary Honor Society in Mesquite
- Stinson Elementary School in Richardson
- Z Realtors in Sunnyvale
- Skiles Group in Dallas
- Mesquite Garden Club
- American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 504, in Mesquite
- Vanston Middle School in Mesquite
- Frito-Lay in Plano
- RC Buckner Masonic Lodge in Dallas
- Horn High School in

Mesquite

TRMC-Sunnyvale and the other sponsors are celebrating the holiday season by collecting care package-type items from the community. Then, hospital employees and volunteers will mail the care packages to soldiers who won't be with their families during the holiday season.

The public is encouraged to provide names of soldiers deserving of care packages, and also may donate items and money to the soldiers represented on the Christmas tree in TRMC-Sunnyvale's lobby.

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 and magazines. A list of popular items for donation is available at <http://www.TexasRegionalMedicalCenter.com>. TRMC-Sunnyvale will accept donations until Dec. 14.

Monetary donations will go toward the cost of shipping the boxes, which are \$12.50 each. Berean Baptist has agreed to accept checks for the cause, and all donations should be addressed to Berean Baptist

Church and mailed to P.O. Box 850921, Mesquite, TX 75185; Support Our Troops must be included on each check's memo line.

"So many groups and so many individuals have been generous with their donations, but we need more if we are going to reach our goal of sending 400 boxes to the troops," said Julie Martin, TRMC's director of business development. "The soldiers told us they have a particular need for baby wipes."

Martin said one family donated items worth almost \$400 and also gave about \$10 in change. Instead of receiving birthday gifts this year, they donated to the campaign.

Church groups, schools and community organizations are encouraged to participate in the drive. For more information, call 214-793-8368.

As a thank you to those supporting the campaign, anyone donating items or money is eligible to receive a vascular screening for \$200. The short, non-invasive test assesses the risk of stroke/carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms and peripheral arterial disease.

Medicare gives employers, consumers information to make better health care choices

Consumers and employers will have the health care information they need to make more informed choices about their care, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced in a final rule today.

The rule gives qualified organizations, like employers and consumer groups, access to data that can help them identify high quality health care providers or create online tools to help consumers make educated health care choices. Information that could identify specific patients, however, will not be publicly released and strong penalties will be in place for any misuse of data.

"This is a giant step forward in making our health care system more transparent and promoting increased competition, accountability, quality and lower costs," said Marilyn

Tavener, Acting CMS Administrator. "This provision of the health care law will ensure consumers have the access they deserve to information that will help them receive the highest quality care at the best value for their dollar."

For years, employers, consumers, and health care quality advocates have expressed frustration about the limited and piecemeal availability of Medicare data that could be used to help evaluate health care provider or supplier performance. Although many health plans have created provider and supplier performance reports, these reports are based solely on the health plans' own claims, and do not reflect information from other health plans, including Medicare.

Providers, too, have expressed frustration at receiving performance reports that are piecemeal and

produced without an opportunity for review and correction. This final rule creates a framework for providers to receive a single, actionable performance report covering all or most of their practice.

The final rule makes a number of important changes from the original proposed rule. The final rule makes this data less costly for qualified entities, gives qualified organizations more flexibility in their use of Medicare data to create performance reports for consumers, and extends the time period for health care providers to confidentially review and appeal performance reports before they become public. The rule also includes strict privacy and security requirements to protect patients, health care providers, and suppliers as well as stringent penalties for any misuse of Medicare data.

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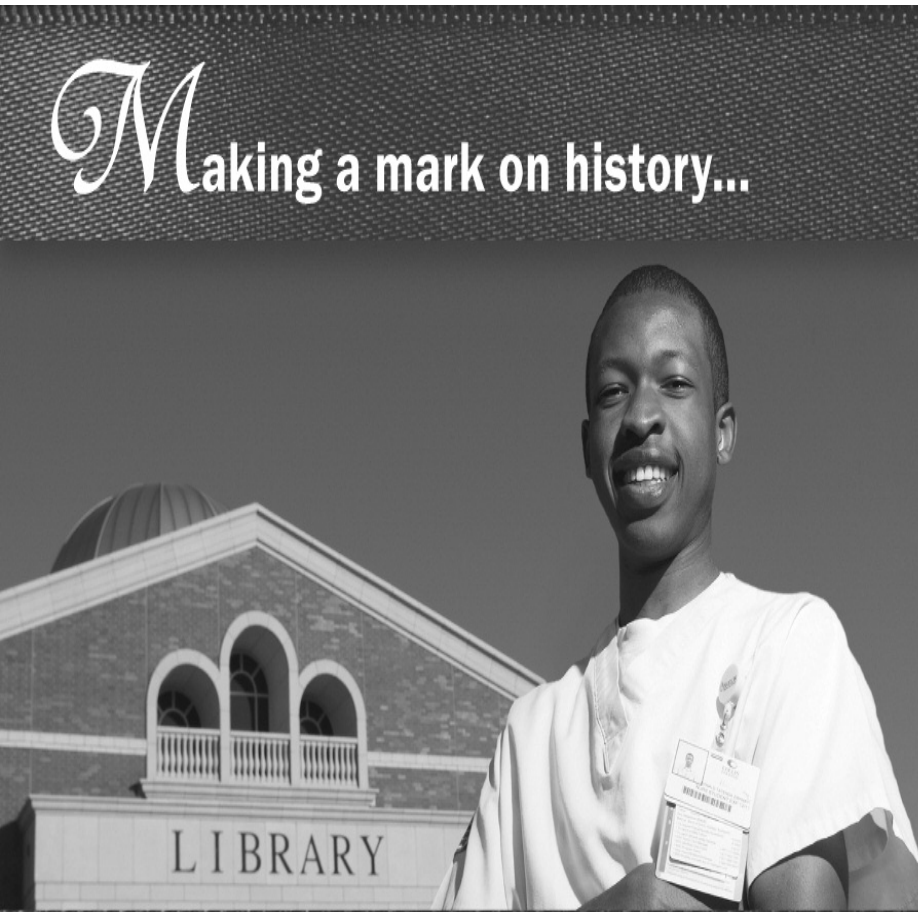
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Abner Haynes ('98); Rafer Johnson, Preston Pearson ('99); Tony Dorsett, Flo Hyman ('00); "Bullet" Bob Hayes, Angela Dudley-Chism ('01); Rayfield Wright, John Wooten ('02); Everson Walls, Jolanda Jones ('03); Rolando Blackman, Spud Webb ('04); Dave Bethany, Debra Sapenter-Christopher ('05); Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Annette Smith-Knight ('06); Harvey Martin, Beverly Day Humphrey ('07); Tony Hill, Richmond Webb ('08); John Carlos, Frances Harris ('09); Jack Johnson and Ron Parker

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration set for Jan. 13-14, 2012

Plans are underway for the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration hosted each year by the City of Dallas and the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. The theme for this year's event is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! The Dream Lives On."

The weekend celebration will begin with the silent auction at 6 p.m. and Award Banquet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, featuring keynote speaker State Representative Eric Johnson. At

10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, elected officials, community leaders and organizations, school bands and youth groups, churches and others will line up at Dallas City Hall for the March and Parade down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard passing the Community Center. The Candlelight Ceremony closes out the activities at 7 p.m. Jan. 14.

This is the 30th year citizens of Dallas have joined together to acknowledge Dr. King's contributions

and rededicate themselves to uphold and advance his efforts to make a better life for all people. The March/Parade and Candlelight are free and open to the public. The Award Banquet tickets are \$75 each and a table can be purchased for \$750.

For more information, to purchase tickets or make donations contact the MLK Center at 214-670-8367 or visit www.mlkcelebrationdallas.org.

Christmas gift donations sought for hospitalized children

Spending Christmas in the hospital is not fun. But you can help alleviate a sick or injured child's distress by donating fun gifts that will make their holiday season brighter. Children's Medical Center (www.childrens.com) is accepting donations of gifts for patients ranging from infants to teens from now until Dec. 22.

All gifts must be new and unwrapped when they are dropped off at the main entrance of Children's Medical Center at 1935 Medical District Drive, Dallas, TX 75235. Donated gifts also can be

mailed to that address and should be addressed to the hospital's Child Life Department.

Hospital staff will wrap all donated gifts before Santa and his elves make the special deliveries to patients on Christmas Day. Used gifts cannot be accepted.

Needed items include PlayStation 3 games and Xbox 360 games, all of which must be rated E for everyone; compact discs and DVD movies for children; compact discs and DVD movies for teens; professional sports and college sports T-shirts; arts

and crafts kits for teens; holiday outfits and bibs for infants; baby rattles and toys for infants; retail store gift cards for businesses such as Walmart, Target, Old Navy and other stores; and hobby store gift cards for shopping outlets such as Hobby Lobby, Party City, Michael's and other businesses.

Donations of AA, C and D batteries also are requested.

Put a smile on a child's face this holiday season by donating new, unwrapped gifts to the hospital's Child Life Department. All donations are appreciated.

Dallas lawyers answer legal questions – FREE!

Volunteer attorneys will answer legal questions at no cost from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, via LegalLine, a call-in program sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association.

LegalLine is a commu-

nity service for DFW-area residents, provided the second and third Wednesdays of each month. On these designated nights, anonymous lawyers are available to answer questions in many law-related areas ranging from divorce

and child support matters, to wills, insurance, employment and criminal law matters.

Residents needing assistance should call LegalLine at 214-220-7476 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14.

Massage Envy DFW sponsors Christmas Wish program and helps a deserving family

'Twas the month of December, and all through the town, Christmas wishes are granted, good cheer does abound...

For the third straight year, Massage Envy clinics in the DFW Metroplex are partnering with radio station 94.9 KLTU for its Christmas Wish program.

Christmas Wish supports deserving families and individuals by publishing their letters (often sent by a friend or relative) and encouraging local businesses, groups and individuals to choose a wish to grant.

Massage Envy will make a donation of \$5,000 to a family in need and publicize the

Christmas Wish program on Massage Envy's Facebook page.

"After reading many Christmas Wish letters this year, the DFW Massage Envy team realized how much need there is right here in our own community," said Lance O'Pry, Massage Envy Re-

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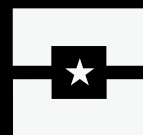
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The buck stops here: Santa Bucks help North Lake college students in need

When North Lake College students find their budgets cannot make ends meet, they do not always go to a local discount store. They know their Blazer Bucks (and, on Nov. 30, their Santa Bucks) make a difference in their lives; at North Lake College, where they can buy food, gently-worn clothing and toys, or necessities they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Instead of doing without, they can take their Blazer Bucks to the new, permanent Blazer Student Store where they can feed and clothe themselves and their families, provide toys for their children and even volunteer to work in the store to help pay their way. Most items in the store cost one Blazer Buck, and everything is donated by the college's faculty, staff or students – or sometimes brought in by students to trade for other items. It's a thrift store that uses Blazer Bucks for currency.

And the concept came from students themselves 10 years ago, when journalism majors for the campus newspaper, the North Lake News-Register, tried to think of ways to help students make it through the holidays.

"In fall 2002, the News-Register staff and Journalism Club members began to hear stories of hardships among students, the result of a post-9/11 economy," recalled Kathleen Stockmier, student publications

manager at the college. "The rising unemployment rate triggered an increase in college enrollment, and many at North Lake needed help. Christmas was approaching, and it was going to be a bleak holiday season for many.

"So the writers and editors brainstormed and came up with an idea: send out a campus-wide e-mail; ask for donations of food, clothing, housewares and miscellaneous items; and give it all away free to students by using a play-money system known as Santa Bucks," Stockmier added.

And that's how Santa Bucks were born. Generous donations came in from the North Lake College family, and students who signed up on the day of the event received \$20 in Santa Bucks to purchase what they needed. Nine years later, the Santa Bucks project evolved into the Blazer Student Store, which offers help to students year-round. (Canned foods and non-perishable items now are called the Blazer Food Bank supply.)

The sustainable store, run by students for students, receives money from a fund set up by the News-Register. Portions of the campus newspaper's advertising revenue is deposited into the store's account on a regular basis – money which already has paid for shelving, printing and miscellaneous supplies to get the new facility off the ground.



Photo by Joanna Mikolajczak, North Lake News-Register

Students obtain their Blazer Bucks several ways: by trading items from home for bucks; by earning them in the classroom; by winning them at campus events; or by purchasing them in the cashier's office on campus. Students who are experiencing a hardship also are given Blazer Bucks for Blazer food vouchers free of charge – no questions asked.

This year, on Nov. 30, students used their Santa Bucks (the holiday version of Blazer Bucks) to buy Christmas gifts and items they need to get through the holidays. Students who presented their IDs and signed in at the cashier's office received \$30 in "currency" to spend in the store. That day,

their Santa Bucks bought three food items for \$1 (usually one item for \$1). More than 200 students stopped by to get their Santa Bucks and shop in the store, in addition to service learning students who worked on set-up, signing in shoppers, bagging goodies, serving as cashiers and helping students take their purchases to their cars.

Melissa Firestone, a nursing major at the college, wrote a letter to the editor of the student newspaper about the Blazer Student Store. "I recently decided to get my associate degree in nursing, so this fall I came back to college. I had to tighten the reins on my budget so I could make this happen. (People in) the

Blazer Store told me all about this great resource offered to North Lake students. I found it a blessing since I am not able to go out and spend like I used to.

"They told me I could bring in my gently-worn clothing and exchange items for something in the store," Firestone added. "The first time, with my budget counselor in mind, I spent the bucks on grocery items. What a deal!...Thank you to the people who run the student store." She has volunteered to work in the store and also won a drawing for a gift card to use in the bookstore.

NLC student Jessenia Gutierrez has used Blazer Bucks in the past to buy a

gift or to purchase jewelry, which she likes, and she also bought this year's Christmas gifts there, too. "The Blazer Store is important because sometimes I'm low on cash and, if I need a gift, I can just trade in an item instead of going shopping," she said. "The Blazer Store has helped me learn not to be such a wasteful person. I know I can trade in items instead of throwing them away. I believe it will help during the holidays – I actually already have some small gifts for my family, so I'm set for Christmas!"

The Blazer Ambassadors, a campus club whose mission is to increase participation in student life activities, are in charge of ensuring that the store's workers are on time, and they fill in for those who can't make their shifts. Service learning students work those shifts and acquire community service hours for volunteering.

Stockmier is proud of the effort started by journalism students that now has become a permanent, sustainable program on campus that helps students. "This year, when the one-day Santa Bucks event shuts down, we won't have to say: 'It's a shame the students can't be helped year-round.' Now, the Blazer Student Store is doing that every day, with no end in sight."

American Digital University launches free online technical training courses

American Digital University (ADU) has announced additional courses to help the unemployed and underemployed gain new skills in office technology. These new additional classes focus on computer fundamentals involving hardware and software and application software on how to use computers effectively in the workplace.

ADU Board Chairman Dr. Anush Ramachandran said, "Our goal is to help put America back to work by providing people with new skills, new opportunities and better jobs. We all

need to improve our skills in understanding how to use computers more effectively in the workplace. These courses will allow anyone, anyone to better understand a computer's operating system, Internet technologies, and advances occurring in computing; how to use MS Word for word processing, how to use Excel to improve financial management, accounting, and spreadsheets, how to use PowerPoint to make basic presentations along with more advanced ways to use graphics; and, finally, how to create publi-

cations and newsletters using desktop publishing software.

There are no prerequisites, no entrance exams, and no hidden fees for indi-

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Lively parade kicks off Annual Christmas Festival

The inaugural Prosper Rotary Christmas Parade will be the official opening of the Prosper Christmas Festival, set for Sunday, Dec. 11 starting from the Prosper Independent School District offices at 1:45 p.m., according to Utility Billing Coordinator Pamela Clark.

"The theme of the parade is 'The Sounds of Christmas' and will have over 30 floats, marching groups and community organizations leading the way for the parade's finale – Santa Claus," she said.

The parade starts promptly at 1:45 p.m. from the front of the Prosper ISD

home office on Seventh St. From there, it travels west along Seventh to N. Parvin St. There, it turns south to Broadway St. and continues on Broadway St. into the downtown area, where the Festival will have its main stage. Admission to the parade, the Festival grounds and all entertainment are free.

"For the first time, floats will be judged on a competitive basis for cash prizes. The Rotary Club will be giving a \$300 prize for the first place float or marching group winner, and \$100 to the second place finisher," said Clark.

Judging will be based on several factors, including adherence to the theme, decoration of the float or participants, costuming and overall enthusiasm.

The Festival will overtake the entire downtown section of Broadway St. from Coleman St. beyond Main St. as well as portions of Main St. south to Main Street Park, and will feature a number of activities and events in adjoining streets. For that reason, planners have made arrangements for free parking and shuttle rides from the back parking lot at Reynolds Middle School, 700 Coleman St.

As in previous years, there will be live entertainment on the main stage. An "ice" skating rink will be set up on the Main Street Park basketball court, and a dog agility demonstration will be put on by local training company "What a Great Dog!" A charity raffle for a hot air balloon ride will be available, among many other activities.

As a prelude to the community build project at Frontier Park, Windmill Playground will have a special area set aside where volunteers will be assembling some of the component playground pieces. To

help raise funds for the playground, volunteers will be selling fajita tacos.

Exhibits and information booths will be set up by various sponsors, including Baylor Medical Center at McKinney and Market Street Grocers, both Premier sponsors of the Windmill Playground. Other sponsors include Frisco-STYLE Magazine at the Silver Level. At the Friends Level are Home Depot,

CoServ, Prosper Economic Development Corporation, Roberts Dental Ranch, Whispering Farms Montessori Academy, Primrose School and Prosper Pet Clinic.

"We're extremely excited about the parade, and we hope everyone gets a chance to view it. To do so, parade watchers should be in their chosen place by 1:30 p.m. at the latest," said Clark.

Fashion retailer H&M opening Town East Mall location

H&M, Hennes & Mauritz, the popular international retailer known for offering fashion-forward apparel and quality basics, expansion in Texas continues with the opening a new location at Town East, one of the state's most popular shopping destinations. Opening Thursday, December 15 at noon, H&M at Town East will give shoppers in the greater Dallas area access to the latest trends at the best prices.

"H&M is excited to continue its expansion in the great state of Texas, specifically the Dallas-Fort Worth region" says Daniel Kulle, U.S. President for H&M. "H&M at Town East will be a great addition to the retail landscape, which has recently enjoyed two successful H&M openings at both Northpark Center and The Shops at Willow Bend."

H&M at Town East will make fashion-forward, internationally influenced trend pieces and updated basics accessible to all in the greater Dallas area. This location will offer collections for ladies, men, young ladies and young men, with separate "store within store" sections for lingerie, maternity and accessories. This location will also carry H&M's fantastic children's collection which features quality clothing for new-

born up to kids age 14. Additionally, the store will feature H&M's sports apparel collection.

H&M believes in supporting the local communities where it opens stores,

and will celebrate the grand opening by partnering with the The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas. H&M will donate gift cards to club members, in addition to a financial grant to sup-

port their club's programs. On opening day, the Boys & Girls Club members will be given early access to the store to shop before the public!



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Texas veterans to get a Lone Star final salute

Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board, last week thanked the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Texas for their gracious donation of 1,000 Texas flags to be used in the Final Salute

Program.

"These flags will be presented to the family of any Texas veteran who, at the time of their passing, lived in one of our eight Texas State Veterans Homes," Patterson said. "This final

salute is an honor earned and I thank the VFW for their work to better the lives of our nation's veterans and their families."

The Texas flags will be given to the family of a deceased veteran on behalf of

the Texas Veterans Land Board.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is made up exclusively of men and women who served overseas in a theatre of combat operations and earned a campaign medal.

The Texas Veterans Land Board owns eight Texas State Veterans Homes, in Amarillo, Big Spring, Bonham, El Paso, Floresville, McAllen, Temple and Tyler. Each home provides skilled long-term

nursing care, comprehensive rehabilitation programs, special diets, recreational activities, social services, a library, and a certified, secured Alzheimer's unit with its own secured outdoor courtyard.

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North Dallas Gazette after the meeting about the importance of the board reflecting the student population in Irving ISD.

"Children need role models," Quintanilla pointed out, so the lack of diversity is very disappointing. "There are zero minorities making decisions on behalf of our children," Quintanilla continued and added this is out of sync with the way of doing things America.

After reviewing the map provided by the school and the alternative maps drafted, Quintanilla warns, if the district is not willing to address their concerns, additional steps will be explored, in-

cluding litigation or seeking intervention of the Justice Department.

Irving ISD has agreed to hold three public hearings in January to allow parents and concerned citizens to share their concerns. The hearings are scheduled for January 5, 9, and 10, 2012.

In the meantime, the leaders recommend developing a plan of action to gain community involvement through sharing flyers about the upcoming meetings. Also, they suggested asking everyone to send a letter, email or call members of the school board. It is hoped that vocal outreach will cause the district to re-

alize the level of concern parents and community members have about the lack of representation.

Anthony Bond, longtime Irving community activist, indicated he was planning to contact U.S. District Judge Sidney Fitzwater's office. A lawsuit was filed previously seeking the court to force the district to change. At the time Judge Fitzwater did not rule in their favor but left the door open to reconsider the matter after the 2010 census data was released.

The clerk has previously informed Bond that anyone with standing in the Irving community can submit a statement to the court re-



Irving School Board Redistricting Meeting at Bear Creek Community Church. From left to right - Pastor Dennis Webb in foreground with back to camera, Rene Castilla, retired dean from South Campus of North Lake Community College, in white jacket at front table, Nancy Jones in red coat, former IISD Board member, Bill Betzen, redistricting expert, speaking at front.

garding their concerns on representation in Irving.

The citizens group is working with attorney Bill Betzen who will review the information made available

by the district and the draft of a map they propose. Betzen will use the data to generate drafts of an alternative map. This information will be shared with a request for

feedback.

Irving City Council Member, Rev. Dennis Webb shared with the gathered citizens the advantages of a single-member district system. Webb, a native of Irving, recently won election to the city council position after they transitioned to a single-member district.

He pointed out the cost of running a city wide election is prohibitive for most minorities. However, with single-member districts, candidates can knock on doors and if they are active in the community, the citizens know them. This significantly reduces election costs.

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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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Through December 9

God Always Provides is hosting its annual **Food and Toy Drive** at various locations throughout the Dallas area. Info: Godalwaysprovides.org or 214-350-6400 ext. 204.

Through December 11

McKinney Youth Theater presents **Annie** at 1301 Custer Rd, Plano. Showtimes vary. Tickets \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Info: planochildrenstheatre.org.

Through December 16

The Urban League of Greater Dallas is holding its annual **Toy Drive** at various drop-off locations throughout Dallas. Info: ulgdnctx.com or 214-915-4600.

Through December 18

TeCo Theatrical Productions presents **Black Nativity: A Reason to Celebrate by Langston Hughes** at the Bishop Arts Theater Center, 215 South Tyler St, Dallas. Tickets start at \$10. Info: 214-948-0716 or education@tecotheater.org.

Through December 19

Plano Children's Theater presents **Scrooge** at 1301 Custer Rd, Plano. Showtimes vary. Special holiday pricing available. Info: planochildrenstheatre.org or 972-422-2575.

Through December 20

Plano Children's Theater presents **Winnie the Pooh A Christmas Tale** at 1301 Custer Rd, Plano. Showtimes vary. Tickets \$6. Info: planochildrenstheatre.org or 972-422-2575.

Through December 22

Dallas Children's Theater and the Kathy Burks Theater of Puppetry Arts team up to presents **The Nutcracker** at the Rosewood Center, 5938 Skillman Street, Dallas. Showtimes and ticket prices vary. Info: kathyburkspuppets.com, dct.org or 214-740-0051.

Dallas Children's Theater presents **Madeline's Christmas** at 5938 Skillman, Dallas. Showtimes and ticket prices vary. Info: 214-978-0110 or dct.org.

Through December 24

The Dallas Theater Center presents Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol** at the Dallas Theater Center, 2400 Flora Street, Dallas. Showtimes and ticket prices vary. Info: dallas-theatercenter.org or 214-526-8210.

Through January 1

Come see The Trains at North-Park presented by the Bank of Dallas. Showtimes vary. Tickets \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Info: Northparkcenter.com

Through January 8

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

December 9

Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce **25th Anniversary Celebration Gala** invitation to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce at the Omni Convention Center Dallas, 555 S. Lamar St., 6-11 pm the cost is \$100 INFO: info@gdaacc.com or 972-241-8250

Broadway and Country music legend Gary Morris brings **My Country, My Christmas** to the McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee, McKinney, for a one-night engagement starting at 8pm. Tickets \$35. Info: mckinneyperformingartscenter.org or 214-544-4630.

December 9-10

Comedy at the Muse presents **Esau McGraw** at the Clarence Muse Café Theater in the Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex at the corner of Akard and Canton in Dallas at 9pm. Admission \$15.

The South Dallas Cultural Center presents **The Brown King** at 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave, Dallas. Showtimes vary. Tick-

ets \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and \$5 for children under 12. Info: dallasculture.org/SDCulturalCenter.

December 10

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters holds its **19th Annual Christmas/Kwanzaa Concert** at the Naomi Bruton Main Stage in the Dallas Theater Convention Center Theater Complex at the corner of Canton and Akard in Dallas at 8pm. Admission \$10. Info: 214-743-2400 or tbaal.org.

Parrish Restaurants, LTD sponsors the **2011 Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame Inductees Luncheon** at the Dallas Marriot Center, 650 N. Pearl Street, Dallas at noon. Info: 214-565-9026 ext. 326 or rgrimes@aamdallas.org.

The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce presents its **Annual Holiday Extravaganza** at the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 S. Central Expressway, Allen, from 7pm – 10pm. Tickets \$30 for CCBCC members and \$40 for non-members. Info: 214-343-1210.

A Woman of God Ministries hosts its **Red Velvet Cake Christmas Party** from 1pm – 4pm at the Uptown Women's Center, 2600 Hibernia, Dallas. FREE. Registration is mandatory. Info: thelmawells.com/year-end.php or 800-843-5622 x.2.

Children's Rescue Outreach International is holding its **4th Annual Winter Dinner and Fundraiser** at First United Methodist Church, 106 Eules Main Street, Eules, TX. Tickets \$20. Info: croil.org or 817-793-0020.

The AT&T Performing Arts Center presents **A Mary Mary Christmas** at the Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora Street, Dallas, at 8pm. Ticket prices vary. Info:

African-American Authors

Book Circle Reads Langston - The African-American Authors Book Circle will discuss the works of Langston Hughes. Selected read is reader's choice. The African American Authors Book Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served at the West Irving Library, 4444 West Rochelle Road in Irving - 10:30 a.m. to noon. INFO: ahipp@cityofirving.org or 972-721-2691

Jazz in the Sanctuary - A sacred music concert the whole family can enjoy at the Stults Road Community Church, 8566 Stults Rd at 7 pm Donations requested. Info: charles_w_winslow_jr@yahoo.com or 214-815-3606

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.'s **Annual Cold and Classy Christmas Extravaganza** at the African American Museum at Fair Park. Tickets are \$30. Info: Forrest Jackson @ 469-865-5372 or www.DallasAlphas.com

December 10 -11

KwanzaaFest comes to Fair Park's Automobile Building, 1010 1st Street, Dallas, 10am – 7pm Saturday and 11am – 6pm Sunday. Admission FREE. Parking \$10. Info: johnwileyprice.com or fairpark.org.

December 15

An Evening of Spoken Word Open Mic at the S Dallas Cultural Center at 3400 South Fitzhugh, Dallas starting at 7 p.m. it is FREE. INFO: 214-939-2787

December 16

Artists United for Christ presents the **2011 Black Academy Women's Art Festival** at 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas, from 10am – 9pm. FREE. Info: 214-357-3799 or aufchrist.org/2011WomenFestival.html.

December 17

The S.M. Wright Foundation presents its **13th Annual**

Christmas in the Park to empower the lives of underprivileged families at Fair Park's Automobile Building starting at 8:30am. FREE. Registration for families in need runs through December 9 at People's Missionary Baptist Church, 3119 Pine Street, Dallas. Info: christmasatfairpark.com or 214-565-9136.

December 18

Two-Wins Foundation and Buttons Jazz Café present **A Soulful Christmas Holiday Charity Dinner** at Buttons Jazz Café, 207 E. Pleasant Run, Desoto, from 6:30pm – 9pm. Admission \$25 includes dinner and one drink. VIP Tables \$125. Info: Two-wins.org

The Latino Cultural Center invites to community to join them for caroling and holiday festivities at their **8th Annual Posada Dallas** at Central Square Park at the corner of Swiss Ave and Oak Street in Dallas from 4pm – 8pm. FREE. Info: 214-671-0045 or dallasculture.org/latinocc.

The Network & Creative Works of Style hosts **Beyond the Runway Fashion Show & Music Explosion** at the Texas Discovery Gardens' Grand Hall in Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Blvd, Dallas, at 7pm. Ticket prices vary. Info: beyondtherunway.eventbrite.com.

Latin America Christmas is the only DFW metroplex Christmas event that encompasses Latin America's diverse cultures and holiday traditions. Its musical ensembles from many nations of the Americas present the inspiring traditional Christmas rhythms of villancicos, aguinaldos and posadas. Location: Unity Church of Dallas, 6525 Forest Lane (between Preston and Hillcrest) in Dallas, TX 75230 Presented by: DFW International Community Alliance at 2 p.m. The event is INFO: president@dfwinternational.org or 972-661-2764

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We Are Not Trash: A ONE Dallas Movement

Paul Quinn College Students and Highland Hills Community Speak Out

BY: JACQUINETTE MURPHY

At the center of the “We Are Not Trash” (W.A.N.T.) movement swelling on the Paul Quinn College campus and in the Highland Hills community is Dexter Evans. He is more than just an ordinary college student, Evans is a campus organizer and is quickly becoming the unifying voice of this entire southern sector community.

“This is an ongoing problem. The city officials

yond the walls of the college early this fall.

Evans explained, “We switched to emphasize that this is not a Paul Quinn College issue, it is a Highland Hills, Southern Sector and a ONE Dallas movement.”

Paul Quinn College president, Michael Sorrell said students saw the social disparities in the area, became aware of the proposed McCommas-Bluff Landfill expansion, and used this as a dual opportunity to see how government works and to better the community.

students and representatives from the Dallas Democratic Party, LULAC, a local pastor’s coalition, the Highland Hills community, Friendship West Baptist Church, Concord Missionary Baptist Church, and St. Luke Community Baptist Church.

The denial of the study prompted Sorrell to offer a long-term option that would conclude the said haphazard, piecemeal approach to developing the southern sector.

“The college offered to pay for a full community plan to be developed for the area instead,” shared Sorrell.

His request was also denied by the city.

With the expansion looming, one of the movement’s points of contention with the city lies in the unanswered question. “Where was the study when you decided to vote and make a public-policy decision that will

impact economic development?” Evans asked..

“We want a study for our community [conducted] by the city of Dallas. The study is important to make a decision after the research has been properly conducted,” said Elizabeth Wattlely, director of the Food for Good Farm at Paul Quinn College and the W.A.N.T. campaign event organizer. “We do not know [the economic benefits] if we do not have a study.”

Currently, the city plans to expand the McCommas Bluffs Landfill. Vision of the city is to devise a system to recapture discarded trash, sort those

materials which can be re-used, and save the rest for later use as new technologies develop. By collecting all of Dallas’ waste at McCommas Bluff Landfill, Dallas will have more of its resources available for use as future resource recovery facilities. The completion of this project would make this landfill the largest dumping ground in the southwest region of the United States but still leaves obscurity regarding the economic benefit to the area.

The W.A.N.T. movement does not appear to be firm set against the landfill expansion, but wants the city to take the proper steps to truly revive this area. The Highland Hills community is about one and one-half miles away from the landfill and almost 6 miles away from full-service grocery stores and other retail establishments.

“We are hoping for more economic development. The post office, library and other things are being stripped from this community,” Wattlely said.

District Councilman Tennille Atkins unveiled a plan to spend \$100,000 on the conversion of an abandoned Popeye’s Chicken building into a convenience store that carries fresh food and vegetables. Sorrell, Evans and Wattlely agreed that this should not be seen as real means to impact the conditions of the area.

“The convenience store is a great step, but would we be celebrating this if we were north of the Trinity River? We would like to have a grocery store that has all the amenities of another community,” Wattlely said.

“It is like smoking mirrors. They are throwing a store at you to shut

you up,” Evans said.

W.A.N.T. has seen some successes such as the dramatic increase of supporters and sponsors along with seemingly shift toward the middle with the budget approval passing 8-7, as opposed to the 13-2 passing vote at the project’s proposal. Yet, the group is committed to continuing the fight for equal consideration in the southern sector.

“We will continue until there is social equality,” Wattlely said.

Sorrell said he supports the W.A.N.T. movement and sees this experience as an academic win for the students.

“We have ability to show people that the Quinite method works,” he began. “At Paul Quinn, we teach the students to solve the problems that matter and the students are learning the value of putting the teaching into practice.”

Paul Quinn College, the 2011 HBCU of the year, also stresses service, the concept of We over Me, and the four L’s – Lead from where you are, Live a life that matters, Love something greater than yourself, and Leave a place better than you found it.

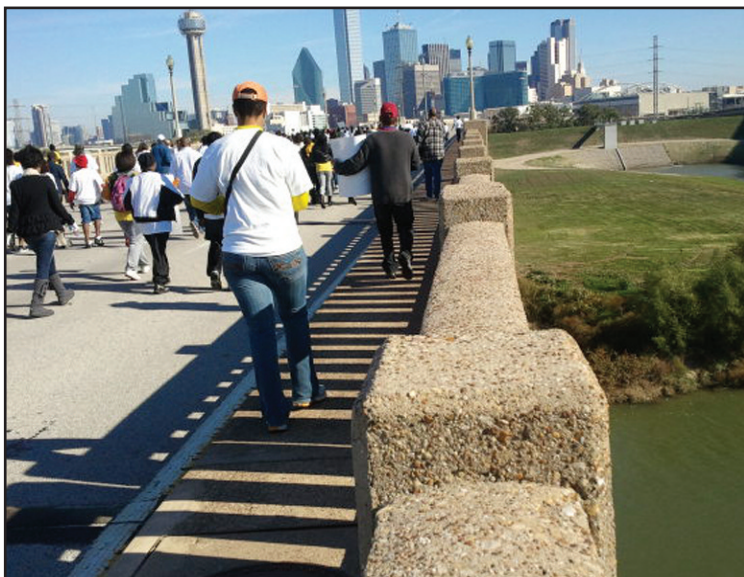


Dexter Evans

Evans’ actions to date seem to align with the principles and show his ability to lead in the spotlight.

“I was always a leader, and I stood up for what I believed in,” said the former high school drum major and student council president. “I am motivated by standing up for those who cannot or are not speaking up for themselves.” In addition to the We Are Not Trash Movement, Evans also organized Stand Up Highland Hills, a joint Paul Quinn College and Highland Hills community event held on Labor Day that served as the springboard for the movement.

If you would like to join or support the W.A.N.T. movement, please contact Wattlely at 214-379-5457.



Students and community members disappointed with the city’s decision.

are neglecting this town and now it is important to stand up and say no more,” said Evans, a legal studies junior at the college.

The W.A.N.T. movement aims to propel city of Dallas leaders into a new era - balanced public policy development that does not differentiate between “North” or “South” Dallas. The campaign actually began earlier this summer among the college students as the “I Am Not Trash Movement.” Evans and the organizers soon shifted to its current name as the fuel of the fight for a presence at the economic development decision table spread be-

Students aimed to partner with the city to have a study completed on the area’s economics. They were denied and began a series of protests instead.

Protests were held in front of the landfill entrance and again outside Dallas City Hall prior to the council’s meeting to approve the project budget earlier this year. More recently, about 500 “We Are Not Trash” supporters marched from the southern sector into downtown Dallas and to City Hall in protest the city’s plans for this underdeveloped area coined as a food desert. Supporters included Paul Quinn College



Peaceful protestors with the “We Are Not Trash” Movement.

NDG Gossip: Oprah comes to town

BY TONYA WHITAKER
NDG STAFF WRITER

After a brief hiatus, it is great to be back dishing a little dirt on celebrities. Read on ...

Oprah comes to town

The stars were out this weekend at the AMC Theatre at NorthPark Mall in Dallas, as Oprah Winfrey and Tyler



Tyler Perry & Oprah Winfrey

Perry hosted a private screening for the upcoming movie chronicling the Tuskegee Airmen, *Red Tails*. Attendees included *Red Tails* stars Cuba Gooding Jr., Terrance Howard, Ne-Yo, Elijah Kelly, and the movie's producer, Anthony Hemingway. For those of you who don't know (shame on you if you don't), the Tuskegee airmen were a

group of African American fighter pilots who battled racism from the United States military to gain the right to fight for their country during World War II. The movie will be released nationwide Jan. 20, 2012.

By the way, while Oprah was in Dallas, she made a stop at The Potter's House for some Sunday inspiration.

Body on showcase

I hope football hall of famer Deion Sanders does not start acting a fool again about his wife, Pilar Sanders, getting media attention. While she is no longer on *Football Wives*, she is definitely not shying away from letting the world see her face – and more. Maybe Pilar had to get her husband's "permission" to take part in a photo shoot for *WSJ* magazine. For all you ladies working y'all butts off to look good, all you can do is roll your eyes at Pilar. And this woman had three children? He stomach shows no signs of it. Gossip mills report Pilar completed the photo spread as a promotion for upcoming reality television appearances. Glad to

see that Pilar and Deion came to an agreement about this.

More and more

The nominees for the 53rd annual Grammy Awards were announced Nov. 30, and



Kanye West

Kanye West was the top nominee with seven. Instead of showing pride for the accolade, ever the perfectionist Kanye took jabs at himself for not being nominated for the top two awards, album of the year and record of the year. West said it was his fault for releasing *Watch the Throne* and *Dark Fantasy* during the same year. No matter what the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences say, Kanye is still the man!

Christmas Carol is a scarily delightful holiday treat

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Virginia, there might be a Santa Claus but he would probably be shaking in his boots during the early scenes of this year's Dallas Theater Center's *A Christmas Carol*. DTC Associate Artist Joel Ferrell the director and choreographer this year is probably more of a fan of *The Night Before Christmas* than *It's A Wonderful Life*. This play is something older children will love but perhaps might find a little too intense for younger siblings.

Attending the production on Friday, December 2 with 9-year-old girls and an 11-year-old boy, they loved the dramatic entrance of the ghost of Jacob Marley resplendent in chains. In the beloved Charles Dickens holiday tale, Marley encourages Ebenezer Scrooge to change his ways. If not his actions will create an unbreakable chain he will wear throughout eternity.

The play is not all dark and doom.

"We've been certain to include the festive music, lively dancing and Christmas ghosts that audiences have come to love so well," says Ferrell. "We have also added a few surprises in the performances, staging and design that will delight theater-goers, young and old."

Ferrell's observation is on the mark regarding the stage design. It is not elaborate, in fact when you enter the theater it seems stark for this legendary play. However, as Bob Lavalley's (the scenic designer) vision unfolds, the audience finds it is a creative design. The design does a great job of transitioning the story to a lighter mood as Scrooge finds his way.

Kurt Rhoads, has a long illustrious association with DTC, but this is his first appearance in the lead role of Scrooge. Two other performers actually steal Rhoads thunder a bit. Lee Trull (*The Tempest, Cabaret*) as the sensitive and caring Bob Cratchit and Steven Michael Walters (*The Tempest, Henry IV*) as brings a delightful sense

of humor to the role of Scrooge's nephew Fred. Trull as the long-suffering Bob Cratchit elevates the role from being a doormat to a loving father who is patient and continually puts people before

For many families, DTC's annual production is a must do Christmas season event. This year should be no exception.

A Christmas Carol is on stage at the Kalita Humphreys Theater through Christmas Eve. The theater is located at 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. (at Blackburn). Performance times are Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; select Tuesday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; and select Thursday and Friday matinees at 2 p.m. The performance times for Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), are 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. Base ticket prices are \$15-\$85 and are available by visiting our website at www.DallasTheaterCenter.org or by calling the box office at 214-880-0202.

Dallas Black Dance celebrates 35th Anniversary season with premiere of master works

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) will open its 35th Anniversary Season on Thursday, December 8th with amazing new works in presented at the Winter Series at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre. To celebrate this milestone, DBDT will present master works from world renowned modern dance choreographers. With generous funding grants provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, DBDT has secured the rights to perform *Vespers* by

Ulysses S. Dove and to restage *Pigs and Fishes* by Elisa Monte.

When asked about the importance of these works, DBDT Founder/Artistic Director, Ann Williams stated, "We have been asking, 'What are some of the pieces that will put us in the forefront of regional and national companies?'" Building a national repertoire has been an effort of Dallas Black Dance Theatre in recent years to broaden its audience, attract top rated dancers and secure funding.

"We believe that these works will help us enhance our goals and be an incredible draw for audiences."

Expanding the number of matinee performances for families is also a new venture for the organization. Patrons will now be able to choose two additional performances on Thursday and Saturday in addition to the current Sunday matinee offering. This change was made in response to audience survey results requesting the additional performances.

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to continue much too long. [3]

The SCLC requests intervention and relief by the U.S. Attorney General Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kye P. Tatum, Sr., President

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Sports
Talk with
Spider

The college football regular season came to an end on Saturday December 3, 2011 with lasting images of the blue football field at Boise State to high-stepping band at Mississippi Valley. Another season of gloom and doom, highs and lows and scandals has ended for now.

It's been an embarrassing season with the Penn State child molestation case, the death of a Florida A&M band member due to hazing and injuries of several Oklahoma State students' bedlam after a victory against arch rival Oklahoma. Those who really enjoy coaching the game and the fans who can't wait for the next tailgating party will be taking a back seat for a couple of weeks until the bowl season starts.

Schools and conferences or on life support because their season is predicated on getting into a bowl game. For five weeks the payout for 36 bowls games will exceed 300 million dollars and the Wall Street

Bowling for Dollars \$\$\$

sum of 48 million dollars will be going to LSU and Alabama, members of the SEC (Southeastern Athletic Conference) that have had a school in the big game for the last five years.

Yes, over 150 millions dollars for the SEC to recruit the best athletes in America and pay coaches like Alabama coach Nick Saban 5.5 million including bonuses for the 2011-2012 season and another \$700,000 if he beats LSU on January 9 in New Orleans.

The pundits have been crying for a playoff system for college football and enlisted President Obama for his two cents in 2008 when three teams had viable claim to be crown number one.

The monies from the TV networks, corporate sponsors and a big recruiting tool to showcase the best high school athletes the stage they'll be playing on. Thirty-six bowls games are on the docket and the NCAA is still accepting applications from companies who want to put its name on a bowl game or enhance its branding image. There are few rules to enforce when teams

are invited to bowl games because the teams and conferences have shined its bowling ball and put on the bowling shoes to knock down the necessary pins of millions of dollars to deposit into its program.

Even Penn State with all of its drama missed out on three bowls totaling 7 millions dollars but will receive 1.1 million for playing in the Ticket City Bowl in Dallas on January 2. That's a lot of money for a school whose head coach denied that he new anything about Jerry Sandusky molesting kids. That million dollars should be donated to a charity or organization for abused children.

The NCAA turns the other cheeks when the bowling alleys of lucrative bowls games become ATM machines for its institutions where value and integrity is supposedly taught.

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Inc. (TEMA) with the prestigious "Corporation of the Year" award at a black-tie awards banquet to cap its four-day conference and business opportunity fair in Atlanta, Georgia.

NMSDC's Corporation of the Year award is the most sought-after honor for major corporations that are dedicated to improving the overall participation of Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American suppliers in the global corporate supply chain.

"This recognition is reserved for corporations that fully embrace the value that minority suppliers bring to the corporate supply chain," said NMSDC President Joset Wright. "Toyota's commitment to supplier diversity and minority supplier development is firmly embedded in the corporate culture. Its comprehensive, world-class supplier diversity process is worthy of replication."

In winning the award, TEMA demonstrated a strong commitment to building capacity and capability of minority businesses within their corporation and in partnership with NMSDC. The company led two modules of NMSDC's Centers of Excellence program – a network of regional business modules comprised of corporate supplier diversity/purchasing executives and minority business enterprise (MBE) owners. The program uses NMSDC "best practices" for minority supplier development to enhance corporate supplier diversity processes and build capacity for MBEs. To date, seven participating MBEs companies were awarded business directly with Toyota. The automaker also sponsored two companies in NMSDC's Corporate Plus® program, a special classification for minority businesses with proven success in executing national contracts and the capacity to handle more.

TEMA showed its commitment to the growth of minority suppliers by spending \$1.5 billion with MBEs in 2010 – a 36% increase over its 2009 spend. The increase earned TEMA entry into the Billion Dollar Roundtable, and was realized during a

challenging time for the company. During this down time, the company also deployed resources to its supply base that saved 40,000 jobs and ensured readiness for return to normal production. Additionally, the automaker facilitated the creation of four new minority joint ventures that will provide more than \$250M in new MBE spend annually. TEMA also increased spend with professional service MBEs by adding spend in areas such as marketing, accounting and legal services.

With a focus on Tier 2, the automaker added more stringent measures to hold their direct suppliers more accountable for utilizing minority suppliers. The result was an increase of more than 30% in Tier 2 spend. In support of Tier 2, TEMA hosts an annual diverse business exchange to help their suppliers connect with potential certified minority businesses. A "best practice" for second tier minority business development, last year's event re-

sulted in more than \$60 million in new contracts for minority businesses.

Active engagement with the NMSDC network also contributed to TEMA's selection as Corporation of the Year. The company participates with NMSDC and its affiliate councils, holding corporate membership with 10 councils and executive leadership roles with four. TEMA's senior executives lead the company's commitment to minority businesses and shared internal best practices with their peers by speaking at eight events last year.

At its banquet, NMSDC also presented awards for individual leadership in Minority Supplier Development, Suppliers of the Year and Regional Council of the Year.

Marianne Strobel, assistant vice president of global supplier diversity at AT&T, received the Minority Supplier Development Leader of the Year award in recognition of exemplary development programs for minority busi-

ness owners, as well as exceptional leadership and impact throughout corporate America. AT&T is a member of the Billion Dollar Roundtable, and also spent \$1.3 billion with its Tier 2 suppliers in 2010.

Four top minority businesses were recognized as National Suppliers of the Year in recognition of their business acumen and excellence in community service. They are: Circle One, Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia, in the category for businesses with sales less than \$1 million; Way To Be Designs, LLC of Hayward, California, among firms with \$1 million to \$10 million in sales; Homestead Packaging Solutions, Inc., of Roswell, Georgia, in the category for businesses with sales between \$10 million and \$50 million; and Group O, Inc., in Milan, Illinois, for firms with sales greater than \$50 million.

Twelve minority businesses were honored as Regional Suppliers of the Year. They are BridgeWork Part-

ners, Lewisville, Texas; C.D. Moody Construction Company, Inc., Lithonia, Georgia; D.W. Morgan Company, Pleasanton, California; Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan, LLP, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Multicultural Entrepreneurial Institute, Inc. (MEI), Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Red Brown Klé, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; República, LLC, Miami, Florida; SHI International Corp., Somerset, New Jersey; SearchPros Staffing, LLC, Citrus Heights, California; Superior Maintenance Company (SMC), Elizabethtown, Kentucky; TKT & Associates, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; and Translation Plus, Inc., Hackensack, New Jersey.

The Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council earned Regional Council of the Year honors for providing outstanding service to hundreds of corporations and minority businesses in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolitan area.

Providing a direct link between corporate America

and minority-owned businesses is the primary objective of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, one of the country's leading business membership organizations. It was chartered in 1972 to provide increased procurement and business opportunities for minority businesses of all sizes. The NMSDC Network includes a national office in New York and 37 Regional Councils across the country. There are 3,500 corporate members throughout the network, including America's top publicly-owned, privately-owned and foreign-owned companies as well as universities, hospitals and other buying institutions. The Regional Councils certify and match more than 16,000 minority-owned businesses with member corporations that want to purchase their goods and services.

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son offers a perfect geographical location for reaching and building clientele. Another extremely important reason is that Addison welcomes small businesses and has an economic development plan and climate that is truly business friendly. It was a perfect match for my business goals.”

Perry also described her marketing plan to Mayor Pro Tem Clemens. “Illusions by Lisa Perry, the brand, is all about visual style and perception,” said Perry. “With Illusions, we manufacture a near reality in visual style with our scientifically-guided virgin hair solutions production process. Perception in style is not only an art but a science, and one that Illusions by Lisa Perry has perfected.”

Headquartered in Addison, Illusions by Lisa Perry is the largest custom virgin hair solution enterprise in the Southwest. Perry stated, “A key component to our superior product is in our use of only virgin hair in our production process. We carry



Perry talks to Addison Mayor Pro Tempore Blake W. Clemens at the launch.

and use these virgin textures in our production process to create visual style solutions which are undetectable and near reality. Our perfection is achieved by using only virgin hair in our products, applying scientifically-based processes that complement the individuality of the client, and by rejecting the outdated one-size-fits-all offering that compromises visual style and perception.”

Featured locally in The Dallas Morning News, on WFAA, and KTVT; and in the national press in such publications as Essence

magazine, Perry has been a pioneer of style. But, Lisa Perry has a vision bigger than the Big D and longer than Madison Avenue.

Speaking to Mayor Pro Tem Clemens, Perry stated, “Illusions by Lisa Perry is not only about style, but is the foundation of my vision of making my mark on manufacturing in the U. S. From right here in Addison, I am positioning us to become the largest custom hair solutions manufacturer in the United States, and eventually North America.” Perry also told Mayor Pro Tem Clemens

that her vision has global socio-economic implications as the U. S. has seen a steady decline in manufacturing. Perry stated, “Small businesses are the catalyst for and the future of bringing manufacturing back to the United States. Illusions by Lisa Perry is the landmark for our expanding manufacturing operation and making Made in the USA a greater reality once again.” With Illusions by Lisa Perry, the style icon is taking her vision to a grander scale. And, of course, she’s doing it in style.

Renowned for being a DFW style icon, Lisa Perry is equally known for being a successful business owner, marketing executive, and charitable patron. As the owner of Illusions by Lisa Perry, the largest virgin hair solution enterprise in the Southwest, and a minority woman entrepreneur, Perry, with both portfolio and blueprints in hand, is on her way to becoming a pioneer of the new reality of a manufacturing resurgence in the U.S.

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Jobs Act – a free money buzzer for small businesses?

Small business owners should be planning now for how best to invest their windfall if Congress passes all the American Jobs Act incentives, says consultant Richard B. Sanford. Otherwise, they may quickly find themselves overextended.

"The jobs act rightfully emphasizes freeing up money so small business owners can hire new workers," says Sanford, author of *Success by Design* (www.ssbp.biz), a guide to simplified strategic business planning.

"One of the provisions is a payroll tax holiday on up to \$50 million in wages

for new workers or raises for existing ones," he says.

"Businesses need to look at juicy carrots like this with a critical eye: This is a temporary tax holiday," he says. "As proposed, it applies Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2012. But those payroll additions likely will be on the books long after the holiday ends."

Businesses should be analyzing their market and their company now for ways to expand sales income and increase profits. They should execute those steps before they hire the first new worker, Sanford says.

"If they can look ahead and see a sustainable increase in income and profits with the bigger payroll, taxed at the full 6.2 percent rate, that's a green light for hiring," he says.

Other provisions of the jobs act include up to \$4,000 in tax credits for businesses that hire people who've been out of work for at least six months. Employers would get a tax credit of up to \$5,600 for hiring a veteran who's been jobless for six months or longer, and up to \$9,600 for hiring a vet with a service-related disability.

"While those credits are

enticing, keep in mind hiring is much riskier for a small business than a large one. For very small businesses, one bad hire can be disastrous," Sanford says. "You should expect each hire to produce at least three times his or her salary in revenue.

"So while giving a veteran or a long-term jobless person work is laudable, employers need to approach those hires with the same care and caution as they would if there were no incentive. To justify the long-term employee expense, these new hires must be able to provide produc-

tive services for their employer and customers."

Employers likely will also need to verify through unemployment claims how long the person has been out of work, he added.

Other small business incentives in the jobless act:

- Encourage businesses to invest in equipment by extending the current 100 percent expensing write-off into 2012.

- Help for small business contractors that want to bid on infrastructure contracts and get Small Business Administration surety bonds.

- Make it easier for jobless people to start their own small businesses by allowing them to use unemployment insurance money for up to 26 weeks. Currently, only some states consider jobless entrepreneurs eligible for unemployment payments. This provision would allow all 50 states to establish Self-Employment Assistance programs.

- Raise the cap on small businesses' "mini" public offerings from \$5 million to \$50 million and reducing the costs for smaller companies to go public.

Give the gift of safety to your favorite drivers

It is gift-giving crunch time so if you're still struggling with what to give a loved one, family member or friend this holiday season, the perfect present may be related to vehicle safety. Tire pressure gauges, ice scrapers, emergency kits, windshield wipers or the Car Care Guide, published by the non-profit Car Care Council, are ideal for any drivers on your list.

"These small and relatively inexpensive items play a big role in vehicle safety and reliability especially during winter driving when road conditions can be hazardous and unpredictable," said

Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "They're perfect stocking stuffers or holiday gifts that show the drivers on your list that you truly care about their safety this holiday season."

Low tire pressure and windshield wipers were among the top items with the highest failure rates during community car care vehicle checks last year. Tire pressure should be checked at least once a month as properly inflated tires are critical to the vehicle's ride, handling, traction and safety. For optimum performance, wiper blades should be replaced every six months or when

cracked, cut, torn, streaking or chattering.

An emergency road kit is something that can be easily compiled or purchased. A kit should include an ice scraper and snowbrush, jumper cables, flashlight, flares, blanket, candles/matches, bottled water and dry food snacks.

The council's Car Care Guide is a glove-box size consumer booklet that presents automotive maintenance and repair in everyday language. Single copies of the guide are available at no cost on the Car Care Council website at www.carcare.org/car-care-guide.

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gional Developer. "Through this special program we will support a family that is truly in need. It is a very humbling blessing for all of us to take part in Christmas Wish, and we encourage other businesses to join us."

In addition to supporting a family, Massage Envy is giving away two Massage Envy gift cards every day until Christmas Eve day to lucky listeners of KLTY. Each gift card is valid for a one-hour massage session at any of the 28 DFW-area Massage Envy clinics.

Mr. O'Pry added that "Christmas Wish captures the spirit of Christmas and highlights the wonderful generos-

ity of the people of Dallas/Fort Worth. It's a community project that all of us can support and feel good about."

Now in its tenth year, the Christmas Wish project has raised an estimated \$3.5 million through the generosity of listeners and advertisers. In addition to Massage Envy, other major sponsors are Chick-Fil-A and Capital One.

Also, through Saturday, December 24, 2011, Dallas/Fort Worth area Massage Envy clinics are offering a special holiday promotion - buy three gift cards valued at \$60 or more (or one at \$180) and get a one-hour massage session free. This offer is only

valid at the 28 DFW-area Massage Envy clinics. Seven of the DFW Massage Envy clinics are spas that offer Murad(R) healthy skin facials. Massage Envy gift cards may be used for any combination of products and services offered in any Massage Envy clinic nation-wide.

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December 11

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.

December 15, 12 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.

Brother Ramon Hodridge, Minister
1026 Avenue F
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-8833
www.avefchurchofchrist.org

BIBLE WAY COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 11

Join us for Sunday School at 9:35 a.m.; and Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. as we worship and praise God. The Word of God transforms lives.

December 14, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Bible Class as we study the Word of God and give Him honor and praise.

Dr. Timothy Wilbert, Sr. Senior Pastor
4215 N. Greenview Drive
Irving, TX 75062
972-257-3766
www.bwcbc.com

DAYSTAR DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

**December 2011
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Visit Helen's House Mondays and Fridays to receive, to give, to comfort and to fellowship. The give-a-way of food, love and household items is given freely to all those who could use a little touch.

Pastor Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing
635 W. Campbell Road
Suite 210
Richardson, TX 75080
972-480-0200

EIRENE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

December 14, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for Bible Class as we study the Word of God; and give Him honor and

December 25, 11 a.m.
You're invited to our Christmas Morning Worship as we honor and praise God for His gift of Jesus Christ..

Pastor Autry
701 E. Centennial Blvd.
Richardson, TX 75081
972-991-0200
www.followpeace.org

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH IN ALLEN "The Ship"

**Monday – Friday
9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

TheShip3C's Prayer Lines for those in need are 972-649-0566 and 972-649-0567 or they may be submitted via email to: prayerline@theship3c.org

December 11

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss Drive, Allen, TX as we praise God for His blessings.

December 14, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday Night Live in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive. Also, come to our Corporate Prayer and our Kidz Zone (an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.)

Dr. W. L. Stafford, Sr., Ed.D. Senior Pastor
1550 Edelweiss Drive
In Allen for Sunday Morning Worship.
Admin. Building Address
Is 200 W. Belmont Drive
Allen, TX 75013
972-359-9956
www.theship3c.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK "First Church"

**Tomorrow Night,
December 9, 7 p.m.**

You're invited to an evening of humor, music and fellowship hosted by comedian, Jonathan Slocumb, featuring First Church Choirs, Anointed Flames Mime Ministry and a music selection by First Church Associate Pastors, led by Pastor Gregory Foster. A fellowship reception will follow the program.

Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor
300 Phillips Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-235-4235
www.fbchp.org

MT. PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH "The Rock"

December 11

Join us for Sunday Worship at 7:45 a.m.; and 11 a.m. as we give God excellence praise without excuse.

December 11, 4 p.m.
The GEM's Ministry presents the 2nd Annual Father & Daughter Princess Ball at the Galleria Doubletree, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75244. Call the church for details.

December 14

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
972-241-6151
www.dallasmtpisgah.org

NEW MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

December 18, 4 p.m.

You're invited to our Christmas Program in our Family Life Center.

December 31, 9 p.m.

Join us for Watch Night Services at First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, 300 Phillips Street, Richardson, TX 75081.

Dr. Robert Price, Sr., Senior Pastor
9550 Shepherd Road
Dallas, TX 75243
214-341-6459
www.nmzb.org

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

December 9, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Single Parent Support Group. Call Pastor Cooper at 972-437-3493, Ext 104 or email him at rcooper@ndcbf.org for details.

December 10, 12 Noon
For those in need, come to our Grief Recovery Support Group. Call Tera McFarland at 972-437-3493, Ext 111 or

email her at tmcfarland@ndcbf.org for details.

Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 S. Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493
www.ndcbf.org

ROCKBRIDGE CHURCH

December 11

You're invited to join us for Prayer with Pastor at 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 8:30 a.m.; and Worship Celebration at 10 a.m.

December 14, 7 p.m.

Join us for Bible Study and Awana as we worship and praise God.

Timothy Jones, Lead Pastor
21 Prestige Circle
Allen, TX 75002
214-383-9993
www.rockbridgechurch.com

ROCK OF FAITH INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

Early Morning Prayer

Real Men Pray; all men, join our Circle of Faith Men Intercessory Prayer Ministry in prayer, early in the morning at 6 a.m. on Monday - Friday at 1-712-775-7400, pin # 828877 #1 and please put your phone on mute. Prayer will change people, things and situations.

Pastor Tommy Tucker
311 East Church
Lewisville, TX 75057
214-566-2211

SAINT MARK MBC IN MCKINNEY

December 10, 12 p.m.

All Senior Saints are invited to our Double Nickel (55 and above) Luncheon @ the New-some Center on Amscott Street in McKinney. Activities in-

clude lunch, bingo and door prizes. Come and bring a friend. If you are homebound, we will deliver to you. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than the Friday, December 9th (this month) before the luncheon and leave a message with your name, address, phone number and how many meals you need.

December 11

You're invited to our Education Ministries at 9:30 a.m. and our Worship Celebration at 10:45 a.m.

Dr. Charles Wattlew Senior Pastor
1308 Wilcox Street
McKinney TX 75069
972-542-6178
www.saintmarkbc.com

SHILOH MBC IN PLANO

December 9

Register now for our HR Ministry's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Twin Creeks Golf Club. Proceeds will be used for scholarships. Call the church for details.

December 14, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Midweek Service as we worship and praise God.

Dr. Isaiah Joshua, Jr. Senior Pastor
920 E. 14th Street
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-6695
www.smbcplano.org

THE INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH

December 11

You're invited to our Worship Services at 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Pastor Rickie Rush
7701 S. Westmoreland Road
Dallas, TX 75237
972-372-4262
www.ibocjoy.org

THE NEW LIGHT CHURCH

December 11

You're invited to worship with us on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School and 11 a.m. for Morning Worship as we praise and worship God.

Shaun Rabb, Senior Pastor
9314 Elam Road
Dallas, TX 75217
214-391-3430
www.newlightchurchdallas.com

VICTORY BIBLE CHURCH INTERNATIONAL, (VBCI DALLAS)

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1100 Business Parkway,
Suite 1007
Richardson, TX 75081

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Early Prayer

Join us in prayer early in the morning at 6 a.m. on Monday - Friday at 1-661-673-8600, Code # 142219 and please put your phone on mute. Prayer will change people, things and situations. God is moving in powerful ways in early Morning Prayer.

December 13, 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 Him.

Dr. Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor
2765 Trinity Mills Road
Building 300
Carrollton, TX 75006
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Understanding Roadblocks; Don't Get Stressed Out

"For you have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. **Hebrews 10:36 & 37 (KJV)**

How do you know when God has placed obstacles in your path to protect you and increase your faith or if Satan is hindering God's purposes in your situations? When you have reached a roadblock in your life, pray; have faith in God and don't be stressed out.

The story is told of a businessman who was in California traveling four hours to a speaking engagement when terrible fires had broken out in Southern California and many of the highways were being shut down. The businessman had to detour to a small town and was questioning whether he should turn around and go back. He stopped at a convenience store. A woman pumping gas next to him said the interstate was closed down ahead and if he was going north he would never get there and even if he did get there he would have difficulty getting back.

Suddenly, fear struck the businessman because the thought of being stranded in a strange place wasn't anything that he had planned on. The businessman quietly prayed, he asked the Lord whether this was a warning for him to turn back or one of Satan's

hindrances. After praying he went into the convenience store to inquire about a road map. While he was standing there another man walked up to him and said, "Where are you trying to go?" He told him of his dilemma. The man explained that the interstate was open just north of where they were and that he had to go to this exact spot and would be glad to guide him there. The man took the businessman through all sorts of side roads in very unfamiliar areas. He admitted that he would never have gotten there by himself, nor would he have made the attempt.

After a time they came to the interstate ramp just above where the fires were. The man waived as he sent the businessman on his way. The businessman arrived at the luncheon on time and gave his speech.

Christians may often look at situations in their lives and wonder if God sent his angel to lead them where to go or if it was a hindrance from Satan. However, remember that immediately after the businessman had prayed at that convenience store, the other man approached him and gave him the answer.

If Christians would ask God when they come upon obstacles He will give them the answer. Looking back on their lives, they can surely see the merciful and awesome presence of Almighty God. He is faithful and He loves His Children. There may have been times that Christians asked God a question and it

seemed that He would not answer. But if they trust Him, He will answer and they will have their answer when they need it because God has never failed those that believe in Him.

In these stressful times in our country what Christians can do is pray for the installation of spiritual leaders to carry out God's will. Also, they can pray for the leaders that are in power now. God can move in their hearts and minds to lead them in the right direction to accomplish His purpose. Ask God to forgive us for our indifference and our sin. Pray that Christians will turn from their wicked ways and rededicate their lives to Him and His service. God said, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and **heal their land.**" **2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)**

When Christians come upon roadblocks, the word of God says, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek. He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound, To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn, To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for



Dr. Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor, Word of Life COGIC in Carrollton, Texas celebrates his 4th Anniversary in December 2011, with his mom, Mother Lillie Voss-Norris from McKinney, Texas

mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified." **Isaiah 61:1-3**

(KJV)

It is only when we move past roadblocks and discouragement to praising God that we begin living above our obstacles. Take a stand; ask God to help you

increase your faith today. Ask Him to help you understand your roadblocks because with faith in God, you are too blessed to be stressed.

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Kennedy to request that Congress create a national civil rights bill.

"This is a truly special occasion," said NAACP president and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "Medgar Evers has been an inspiration to so many in the civil rights community and across the country. This honor by our Navy is befitting of his legacy."

"He was committed to

his fellow human beings and the dream of making America a nation for all its citizens," said Navy Secretary and former Governor Ray Mabus during the dedication event.

USNS Medgar Evers is the 13th ship of the Lewis and Clark (T-AKE) Class of dry cargo ships General Dynamics NASSCO is building for the U.S. Navy. NASSCO began construct-

ing USNS Medgar Evers in April 2010.

"Each ship in the T-AKE Class is named for a noted pioneer in our nation's history," said Fred Harris, president of NASSCO. "Mr. Evers was Army veteran of World War II and an important civil rights pioneer. The NASSCO team is proud to add Medgar Evers' name to this distinguished list."

Bring Music to Irving (Jobs Too!)

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Editor's Picks: Gift ideas for the kids on your Christmas list

Looking for gift ideas for that special child on your Christmas shopping list this year? An innovative toy will help children learn – and have fun. Also, fans of the popular film Happy Feet 2 will be delighted to have their own Erik under the Christmas tree.

Learn and Play

Children watch their parents and siblings talk, work and play nonstop on their smartphones. Many preschoolers would likely love to find an iPhone under their tree, but that is likely not happening (if so they were are REALLY good this year!). However, B.Toys offers the Alphaberry, an adorable PDA that will help them learn their ABC's.

The colorful toy allows the child to push any button and a letter will appear on the digital screen and it is read aloud. The screen color can even be changed to one of three colors and the unit comes in a light blue and a dark blue. The creative

packaging is reversible and it even comes with the three AAA batteries needed, which is a big help to shoppers. The Alphaberry is suggested for children who are 18 months To 5 years old.

One of my favorite toys from the B.toys is the Loopty Loo that features 47 beads that travel along five colorful routes. It is on a circular base that will allow the child to roll it around



and enjoy a colorful show keeping them endlessly en-



tertained. Designed for kids 18 months up to 3 years old and costs only \$14.99.

B.toys is an award winning toy maker of toys that encourage children to explore their individuality. The Alphaberry and other items are available at www.justb-byou.com or Target stores.

Huggable dancing partner

Build-A-Bear Workshop is offering not only Erik from the film Happy Feet Two but also a few of his friends. The movie was a great success when released

in 3D at theaters across the country. So far the film has earned over \$52 million.

Now to the delight of many Erik, the newest "Happy Feet" character, has tapped his way into Build-A-Bear Workshop stores this holiday season. This cute and loving son of Mumble, the world's most famous tap-dancing penguin is available as a Make-your-own Erik (\$23) with a light-up bow. You can dress him in the Red Nordic Sweater (\$8.50), Red Nordic Sherpa Hat & Scarf (\$7.50), classic jeans (\$5), and black rubber boots

(\$7.50).

Fans of the other "Happy Feet Two" characters will be happy to see Lovelace, Sven and Boadicea (\$10 each or \$7.50 when you purchase

two or more) are also available as pre-stuffed mini friends—perfect for stocking stuffers.

You can order them online or find at your nearest Build-A-Bear

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