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First let's revisit the history of Thanksgiving - In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the

promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the

Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered

from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore,

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DART's Blue Line to Rowlett one of many service improvements



Mark Enoch, the Rowlett representative on the DART Board of Directors, speaks at the Groundbreaking Ceremony

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Walmart offering customers "Guarantees" on their Black Friday Sales

The retail giant Walmart hopes to help make it a happy holiday shopping for all early bird shoppers next week. The proactively took steps to limit customer frustration, while ensuring safety of customers and staff during the popular Black Friday sales.

On Friday, Walmart will unveil their Black Friday prices on hot holiday item gifts. The information will be shared with customers on Walmart.com, its Facebook wall and mobile app, the retailer's Black Friday circular showcases brand name

electronics, toys, apparel, sporting goods and items for the home – backed by Walmart's ad match guarantee – available during three events starting at 8 p.m. on Nov. 22.

In addition to offering low prices on the season's

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NDG Staff wishes all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Next issue is Nov. 29. LIKE us @ Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette for updates



Disney on Ice presents **Treasure Trove** at the Allen Event Center

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COMMENTARY

THE TRUTH CLINIC A Post Election Conversation on the GOP Implosion

BY JAMES BREEDLOVE
The day after the Nov. 6 election I called my good friend CeCe, who lives on the Virginia side of the Washington, D.C and Virginia border.

CeCe and I met during freshmen orientation at Howard University. We were both disabled veterans (Korean Conflict) entering college under the GI Bill and felt somewhat out of place mingling with a bunch of younger high school graduates. Initially, we bonded because

of our mutual backgrounds but have remained close friends for over 50 years. As such, we fuss, fight and argue over issues without feeling attacked; especially on politics since he tends to be conservative and I lean liberal.

"I guess you are calling to gloat a little," CeCe said as he immediately recognized my voice.

"Not really. Just wanted to check in to see how you were getting

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The birds, the bees...and credit?

BY MICHELLE THORNHILL

Turning 18 opens up a world of opportunity for your children. How well informed they are about new opportunities is so-mething that can make all the difference in their ability to make smart decisions. For many teens, opening their first

credit card account is exciting. The freedom of not relying on Mom and Dad for money is alluring. However, children generally lack the foresight required to understand the long-term impact of having poor credit.

As parents, we are accountable for educating our children about using and

managing credit long before they have to make credit decisions. This is why it's so important that credit and financial management be a part of the many life lessons you pass on to your children.

I've discovered with my own sons (ages 6 and 8) that kids are exposed to credit long before they

even understand the concept. Recently, we were shopping and both of my sons, almost in unison, asked, "Mom, can you buy me this toy?" I immediately responded, "Do you have the money to buy this toy?" To my surprise they said, "Yes, but not with us – can we pay you back later?"

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Chef Richard Ingraham



Quincy Jones III



Charles Haley

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Chef Richard Ingraham

Now that the election is over, we know folks are going to quickly turn to the next big event – Thanksgiving. With nearly 40 percent of Americans expecting an inconvenient mishap this holiday, readers will find the The Countdown to a Mishap-Free Thanksgiving useful. Miami-based celebrity Chef Richard Ingraham—personal chef to superstar Dwayne Wade and acclaimed actress Gabrielle Union—is offering tips to help millions of Americans avoid explod-

ing desserts and undercooked or burnt turkeys.

From deep fried Cajun turkey, Dirty Rice with Andouille Sausage and Roasted Rib Eye with Mustard Gravy to Citrus Cranberry Punch and Red Velvet Whoopie Pies, we've got your menu covered! Below is a snapshot of the type of tips, recipes Chef Richard shares on www.ThanksgivingMishaps.com.

An organized list means organized shopping - Walmart is a true one-stop shop for Thanksgiving for many

families, offering everything you need from fresh produce and turkey, to ingredients for side dishes and containers for leftovers. To stay organized, make a categorized shopping list – it will cut time spent shopping in half. Meats, vegetables, herbs & seasonings, starches, fruits, and paper goods should all have their own space on your list.

How much food do I need? - A good rule of thumb for



gauging the right amount of food per guest is:

- For appetizers: offer at least four different types of appetizers and six to eight pieces per person.

- If soup is on your menu, then provide enough for 1½ to 2 cups per person.

- Meats should be measured at 1 to 1½ pounds per person.

- Side dishes

are best measured at 4 to 6 ounces per person, per dish.

Be the host with the most - Guests like to feel useful, and on Thanksgiving Day, you can use the help. Keep the whole family active by handing out assignments appropriate for each guest. Younger children can set the table, while those a little older can help with food prep and serving. Getting everyone involved with the meal allows each person to contribute to the day.

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Quincy Jones III

Text4baby, the free mobile health service for pregnant women and new moms, announced a partnership with multi-platinum recording artist Tyrese Gibson and *Feel Rich*, the first ever multicultural health and fitness media company. The partnership, *Feel Rich Moms*, will raise awareness of text4baby, encourage moms to sign up for this critical service, and culminate with a custom lullaby for a lucky family, created by Tyrese and Quincy Jones

III (QD3) co-founder of Feel Rich.

Feel Rich Moms will tap into the highly engaged Feel Rich multicultural community, its network of social media influencers, and use the power of authentic celebrity role models to drive awareness and enrollment in text4baby. Text4baby participants receive health and safety education messages timed to their due date or baby's birth date directly on their cell phones. Access to information is

vital for a healthy pregnancy, and infant mortality is a health crisis that disproportionately affects the African-American community. African-American babies are 2.3 times as likely to die before their first birthdays, compared to their non-Hispanic white peers.

"I was raised by a single parent growing up in South Central, Los Angeles," said Tyrese Gibson. "It is an honor to be part of this program to help reach mothers, who through all of life's adversity, put the health of their children first. If, in any way, my voice can be heard

by a mother with a newborn or an expectant mom and be helpful in getting information to them, then I will know that being a part of the partnership with text4baby and Johnson & Johnson will have a positive effect on the community."

The central piece of this partnership will be a contest; the grand prize winner will receive a customized lullaby for her baby



written and recorded by Tyrese and produced by QD3. One runner-up will receive a year's supply of Johnson's Baby products, courtesy of text4baby founding sponsor, Johnson & Johnson. To enter the contest for free, text the word "BABY" to 511411, and when prompted, enter the participant code FEEL-RICH.

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Charles Haley

Two multiple Super Bowl champions, a Heisman Trophy winner and a former

The Parrish Restaurants Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame (TBSHOF), at the

African American Museum Dallas, selected ten new Texas-connected sports figures to be honored and inducted this year.

This 17th Class of TBSHOF will be formally enshrined at the Parrish Restaurants Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame Enshrinement Luncheon, to take place Saturday, Dec. 1, 11:30 a.m., at the Dallas Marriott

"The 2012 Class of the Parrish Restaurants Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame is not only a celebration of athletic brilliance, but is also a celebration of community achievements," said Ronald Parker, Chair of the TBSHOF Advisory Committee. "These athletes were not only great on the field of play, but they've continued that level of performance by serving as good community stewards, in which we are very pleased in celebrating as well."

The 2012 Class of Inductees are:

Tim Brown, from Dallas' Woodrow Wilson High School, amassing almost 20,000 all-purpose yards in a 17-year career, after winning the 1987 Heisman Trophy with Notre Dame

Charles Haley is the

only player in NFL history to have won five Super Bowl Championship Rings. Three of those were with the legendary Dallas Cowboys teams of the early and mid-1990s, the other two with the San Francisco 49ers. The ever menacing defensive end accumulated over 100 sacks in his career.

Jim Hines came out of Texas Southern University to become the "Fastest Man in the World" over a 15-year period. He was the first man to break the 10-second record in the 100-meter dash, held the world record for 15 years and won gold medals in the 100-meter dash and the 4x100 relay in the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City.

Eugene "Gene" Upshaw, born in Robstown, Texas and a Texas A&I (now Texas A&M-Kings-

ville) graduate, was one of the most dominant NFL of-

fensive linemen in his era, See Black Sports HOF, Page 10



"Fastest Man in the World" help make up a highly distinguished 2012 Class of outstanding Texas African American Athletes and Coaches.

City Center Hotel, 650 N. Pearl St., in downtown Dallas. The adopted theme for the event is "Celebrating Athletic Brilliance."

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'Tis the season for donating money

BY JASON ALDERMAN

Like many other economic measures, charitable donations in the U.S. have yet to bounce back to pre-recession levels. According to Giving USA's Annual Report on Philanthropy, charitable contributions totaled \$298.4 billion in 2011 – up 4 percent from 2010, but still 11 percent below 2007 levels.

The vast majority of those contributions (73 percent) came from individuals, demonstrating that even during tough economic times, people still find ways to support organizations that help those less fortunate than themselves.



Because half of all donations typically are made between Thanksgiving and New Year's, this is a good time to highlight precautions you can take to ensure your gift has the biggest possible impact, both on the people

you want to help and on your own bottom line; also to remind seniors about a tax policy that has changed since last year:

Contribution eligibility. If you itemize expenses on your

2012 income taxes, any charitable contributions you plan to deduct must be made by year's end. That means either charging your credit or debit card or postmarking a check by midnight on December 31, 2012.

You must have a receipt to claim deductions for cash or property, no matter how small. A cancelled check or credit card statement is fine for contributions under \$250, but amounts over \$250 require a written statement from the charity. See IRS Publication 526 for details (www.irs.gov).

Confirm tax-exempt status. For your contribution to be deductible, the organization must be recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS. It's important to note that in recent years the IRS has revoked the tax-exempt status

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along. Remember, you are still two years older than me. Or has your Alzheimer kicked in? But—since you brought it up—Obama did put a royal butt whuppin on Romney last night. How are you conservatives feeling?

"Well, I think the grand ole party is shell shock, divided, and mad at everybody."

"Right on, I agree conservatives are mad. In fact, they are more than mad. Their mad meter soared into the red zone. They are so mad that they have turned to biting on each other."

"C'mon, it isn't that bad."

"No.? Well, why did they jump on Karl Rove the way they did? One of the big conservatives said he ought to give back most of that \$300 million that the one per centers gave him to deliver the White House to Romney. And this absolute hatred towards President Obama is not just because he is black. No, CeCe, the real reason is much deeper than blackness or immigration reform, gay rights, women's rights or taxation reform."

"Then what is it," CeCe asked in a halting voice.

"It's all about maintaining White Supremacy."

"You mean, like that skinhead stuff?"

"Partially, but not totally. Skinheads are a fringe element much like the tea party is within the conser-

vative movement. The White Supremacy I'm talking about is the core philosophy that is based on White Superiority. For over 200 years the white majority has insisted that their superiority is due to a higher level of brain power that gives them the ability to out think blacks."

"Man, I've known you for many years. And sometimes I thought you had stumbled into the Looney bin with your weird ideas. Now I'm thinking I better call the St. Elizabeth's mental ward and tell them to come and get you."

"Hold on CeCe. Just hear me out. As America endeavored to spread its influence to other nations over the years it intimated that the social, political, industrial, and historical accomplishments of the United States were solely due to the superior intellect of whites. This superiority was always based on the notion that whites could outthink blacks. Slavery was rationalized as white compassion because of this perceived superior thinking capability. After all, black intelligence was on a par with apes"

"I'm listening. Go on."

"Over the years whites relented superiority in most areas where physical prowess was involved (boxing, football, baseball, basketball, and recently tennis and golf). Yet even with these concessions they vali-

dated their claim to thinking superiority because they were the owners who signed the checks. Then, in 2008 up start Obama out smarts America's most experienced white political strategists by winning what is arguably the most prestigious and powerful position in the world.

"So?"

"So by beating the "man" at the game that he created and controlled for over 200 years Obama poked a hole in the very foundation of White Supremacy-the superiority of white thinking. And this, my friend, is what has the conservative ideologues shaking in their boots. They know the world will conclude if one black can out think them then there may be others; and if there are others then the White Supremacy theory must be false."

"Oh, my God! Maybe you are not crazy. I've got to think about this stuff. Man, you got my head spinning. I don't know if you are crazy or if I am crazy."

"Calm down, CeCe. Catch your breath. You still a Jack Daniels fan? I'll hold the line while you go get some. Then we'll wrap this up. Don't get more than two fingers, though. I don't want you to fall asleep before we finish."

"OK, I'm back. What's next?"

"Well. 2008 was a shocker to the conserva-

tives. But it could be rationalized as a fluke if the 2008 victory could be delegitimized in some way. That would keep the white superiority theory intact. The multiple birther investigations were a desperate attempt to prove the 2008 presidency was obtained by fraudulent means. Conservatives believed a successful birther expose would permit them to rewrite history and claim President Obama's 2008 election was not legitimate and therefore he did not out-smart them."

So. When he beat them the second time, even after they spent billions on the anti-Obama campaign and positioned congress as an obstructionist goliath, the conservatives imploded?"

"You got it, CeCe. They took their best shot and it backfired. Now they are in internal turmoil. Don't you want to come on over to the good side? If fact, if you want me to I'll fly up and go down to the registration office with you."

"Now don't get ridiculous. After all, it's only been one day since the election. I'll have to give this some thought."

"Very good. But in the meantime stay on track for making yourself a one per center. But be a one per center with a heart. Easy on, man. Give my best to the family."

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Homeless Teens with Nowhere to Go in Wealthy Frisco

Groups discuss issue on Nov. 16

No one imagines a child they know might be someday be living on the streets, especially from affluent areas where opportunity seems endless, good schools are touted and the business community is prosperous. It's a hidden problem where light needs to be shed to help these children. General society ignores the problem, but others in Collin County want to open the public's eyes.

Teen Homelessness is a growing problem in Frisco and teens need the community's help to do something about it. The Collin County Homeless Coalition and City House are sponsoring **See Me Now: Teens Without Homes**, on November 16, 9:00-10:30 AM at Preston Trail Community Church.

See Me Now: Teens without homes, is an event partnered by public and private agencies including faith-based institutions. An initiative was formed last year after a young teen walked into Frisco City Hall looking for a place to sleep for him and his pregnant girlfriend. At the time, the couple was sleeping in a field behind a local business when the temperatures averaged 105 degrees.

"I would like to encourage the community to support the See Me Now event and meet with participating providers to see how they can help," said Christine Ortega, Outreach Director for Preston Trail Community Church and member of the Frisco Youth Initiative.

Based on statistics provided by the Frisco Independent School District during the 2011-12 school year, there were 187 homeless students in K-12; with 56 of those students in our high schools. Most of the 187 students are living with other families, friends, storage units or in a car, and there has been evidence of teens living outside along Stewart Creek.



City House in Plano assists area youth in their My Friends Place facility, for children up to 16 years old. City House's TRIPS program provides housing and counseling for 17-21 years old, but Frisco students do not have transportation to get to these facilities.

The Collin County Homeless Coalition organizes trained teams – usually PTA parents and faith groups – to head out into the night hiking in some areas, providing assistance

to those youth experiencing homelessness, and to provide statistics to the county:

- 2012 experienced a 44% increase in homelessness for Collin County.
- Of the 44% increase, 40% were children
- More than 70% were single mothers with children
- Only 35% of the homeless were unemployed, 45% were employed
- More than half had at-

tended some college or had a college degree

• The largest % of adults were Caucasian, and the largest percent of homeless children are African American

• There were 1236 students in Collin County, Frisco ISD, Plano ISD, Allen ISD, and McKinney ISD as homeless on the night of the count, and is a 4% increase from 2011.

Public Opinion might consider homeless teens as runaways or the 'bad kids'. In some situations, living

on the streets has been an improvement from life at home where abuse has occurred and some of these kids are living in cars as they attend classes at Collin County Community College while working at a fast food joint.

See Me Now: Teens without Homes Panel

Stacy Brown
Housing and Grants Administrator

Mia Bennett
Director of Support Programs, FISD

Jennifer Patten

Program Director, City House

Christopher Green
Minister, Highland Oaks Church of Plano

Honorable Cynthia McCrann Wheless
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The presenters and the panel will discuss the needs of our community, and explore how to break the cycle and provide these teens with shelter and services that not only move them out of crisis but also create a new model for their future.

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Denny's gives a major donation to Tom Joyner Foundation for HBCU scholarships

Denny's has donated \$25,000 to the Tom Joyner Foundation to help students pursuing food science and hospitality management degrees at several Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) achieve their educational goals.

"I'm really thrilled that Denny's has gone beyond

just stepping up to the plate to help these students fulfill their dreams of completing a college education - and majoring in a subject they love," said Tom Joyner, chairman of the 14-year-old Foundation and host of the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show aired in more than 100 markets reaching 8 million lis-

teners. "This is a great opportunity for these students and for my Foundation that's been grounded in my love for black colleges."

John Miller, president and chief executive officer of Denny's, said, "Denny's has been a longtime supporter of the Tom Joyner Foundation and an advocate for African American stu-

dents working toward their educational goals. We are proud to provide \$25,000 to these ambitious students who are the future leaders of our industry."

Of the donation, \$10,000 will be divided equally amongst four students majoring in food science and hospitality management at the current HBCU they are

attending. The winners are:

- Kelsey Brumfield of Newport News, Va., a junior majoring in recreation and tourism at Hampton University, Hampton, Va.

- Chase Davis of Conyers, Ga., a junior majoring in food and nutrition management at South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, S.C.

- Britteny Junious of Charlotte, N.C., a junior majoring in food science at North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, N.C.

- Lillian Mosley of Macon, Ga., a junior majoring in food and nutrition at Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Ga.

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Firewheel Town Center's Hometown Holidays Tree Lighting

Firewheel Town Center invites area shoppers and families to gather for fun holiday activities and the tree lighting celebration featuring Santa's Grand Parade. Enjoy various family activities from 3 - 6 p.m., followed by Santa's Grand Parade from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Children will delight in marching bands, holiday characters, face painting and Santa Claus' grand arrival as he lights the holiday tree.

Throughout the holiday season, entertainment at Firewheel Town Center will include live performances, children's activities and holiday train and horse-drawn carriage rides. All of these holiday activities, combined with the outstanding selection of stores offered at Firewheel Town Center, create a lasting impression and unique social experience that can't be matched by shopping online. Create a tradition this year and bring the whole family to



Firewheel Town Center to kick off the holidays.

The event is free and open to the public on

Saturday, November 17: 3:00 p.m. Family and children's activities

6:30 p.m. Santa's Grand Parade and the lighting of the tree

Complimentary Holiday Carriage Rides 5 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 24th

Saturday, December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

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Texas State Sen. Senator Ellis files health care package for 2013 legislative session

Monday, Nov. 12 State Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) filed a health care bill package aimed at implementing key elements of the Affordable Care Act in Texas. Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured in the nation with one in four Texans lacking insurance.

"It is time that we put partisan politics aside and do what is right for Texas. This legislation will bring

tens of billions of dollars to the state, expand Medicaid to approximately 1.5 million additional Texans, set up a state health insurance exchange that works for Texas and guarantees that the Commissioner of Insurance has the tools necessary to ensure rates are fair and affordable. The expansion of Medicaid costs less in four years than what Texas hospitals spend on the unin-

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Stonebriar Centre debuts Altar'd State, a fashion-focused, cause-motivated retailer

Adding to its list of fashion-forward retailers, Stonebriar Centre recently debuted the first Altar'd State in Texas. The retailer, whose motto is Stand Out for Good, is an energetic, faith-based boutique offering collections of clothing for women and collections of gifts. The store is described as fashion focused and cause motivated, with a portion of sales going to back to the artists or to nonprofit groups throughout the world.

Clothing collections feature four distinct areas:



Romantic, with lacy items with a country-chic look; Bold with bright colors and designs; Luxe with clothes adorned with sparkles and ruffles; and Boho Chic with natural looks and earthy colors. Altar'd State also offers accessories and gifts.

Altar'd State is on the upper level near Gap.

Become a fan of Stonebriar Centre on Facebook. Stonebriar Centre is located at Preston Road and SH 121 in Frisco. For directions, visit www.shopstonebriar.com or call 972-668-6255.

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"Feel Rich Moms is an integral step in text4baby's outreach efforts as we work to support multicultural families and young mothers who can benefit from the service's important health messages," said Sarah Ingersoll, text4baby Cam-

paign Director. "We are thrilled to welcome QD3, Tyrese, and the entire Feel Rich community as they join us in executing text4baby's critical mission."

To learn more about *Feel Rich Moms*, and to enter the contest, visit

www.text4baby.org/feel-rich.

To receive timely updates on both initiatives: follow <https://www.facebook.com/text4baby> and <https://www.facebook.com/FeelRichTV> on Facebook; @mytext4baby and @FeelRich on Twitter.

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If you need free help to complete the Request for Review Form, contact a HUD-approved nonprofit organization that helps homeowners in distress. Information about HUD-approved nonprofit organizations that can provide free assistance is available at makinghomeaffordable.gov/get-started/housing-expert or by calling 1-855-778-0855.

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top gifts, Walmart is taking the historic step to ensure wishlist items like the Apple iPad®2 are available for customers during a special one-hour event on Thanksgiving.

"We know it's frustrating for customers to shop on Black Friday and not get the items they want," said Duncan Mac Naughton, chief merchandising and marketing officer, Walmart U.S. "This year, for the first time ever, customers that shop during Walmart's one-hour event will be guaranteed to have three of the most popular items under their tree at a great low price."

One-Hour Guarantee: Due to the large quantity of product already secured, Walmart guarantees that customers who are inside the store and in the queue line between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. local time on November 22 can purchase the following electronics at special low prices:

- Apple iPad®2 16GB with Wi-Fi – \$399 plus get a \$75 Walmart Gift Card
- Emerson® 32" 720p LCD TV – \$148
- LG® Blu-ray™ Player – \$38

- If any of these items happen to sell out before 11 p.m. local time, Walmart will offer a Guarantee Card for the item which must be paid for by midnight and registered online. The product will then be shipped to the store where it was purchased for the customer to pick up before Christmas.

This year, Walmart will be kicking off its in-store specials at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, followed by its big electronics event at 10 p.m. and a weekend full of savings starting at 5 a.m. on Friday, November 23.

"No matter our customer's shopping preference – whether it is to stay up late or shop early – they will find amazing low prices on the broadest assortment we've ever offered," added Mac Naughton.

A few of the top items available in store, while supplies last, include:

- 8 p.m. on Nov. 22: Gifts for the Entire Family – Toys, Gaming, Home and Apparel



Gwen (facing away), Ernest and Lily Musengwa, of Bentonville, Ark., survey their Black Friday selections before checking out at a Wal-Mart store in Bentonville, Ark.

- Wii™ Console – \$89
- Top Toys of the Season: Leappad® 1.0 Learning Tablet (\$65) and Furby® (\$45)

- Hundreds of DVD and Blu-ray movies such as Brave, The Amazing Spider-man, Hunger Game ranging from \$1.96 to \$9.96 each

- Better Homes and Gardens® 700-Thread Count Sheet Set – \$19.96

- 10 p.m. on November 22: The BIG Event – Brand Name Electronics includes:

- HP® 15.6" Laptop with 4GB and 320GB hard drive – \$279

- Samsung® Smart ST195 Digital Camera – \$99
- Beats by Dr. Dre® Headphones – \$179.95

- Nook® Color™ 8GB Tablet – \$99

- 5 a.m. on Nov. 23: Caffeine Not Needed – Savings on Gifts from Jewelry to Tires

- \$100 Walmart gift card with the purchase of select smartphones such as the Samsung® Galaxy S III, Droid RAZR M by Motorola® and HTC® One X

- Goodyear Tires ranging from \$59 – \$99 each

- 5" Pre-Lit Harrison Christmas Tree – \$20

- Better Homes and Gardens Deluxe Recliner – \$199

The retailer's long-standing ad match guarantee will also be in effect on Black Friday. This allows customers to match the price of any local competitor's printed ad for an identical product right at the cash register.

Map Your Black Friday Savings: Starting Nov. 19, to help customers prepare and navigate the big event, a Black Friday local store map

will be available to view and print on Walmart.com and local Walmart Facebook pages. Also, for the first time, customers can view an interactive local store map on their mobile phone via the Walmart Mobile App, enabling customers to click on items to see the price, product description and location in the store.

Black Friday Specials & More Online: Customers can get a jump start on shopping from the comfort of their homes with a two-day online-only event on Walmart.com starting early on Thanksgiving Day and extending through Black Friday. Walmart.com shoppers can choose free shipping to home on eligible \$45 orders with Home Free or free store pickup with Site To Store and also use Pay with Cash. Savings on hundreds of the hottest gifts include:

- E-matic 7" Tablet Android 4.0 1GHz, 4GB – \$49

- Dsi XL Ultimate Bundle – \$129

- Razor A Kick Scooter, Multiple Colors – \$25

In addition to these online-only specials available to anyone, newly-introduced this holiday, customers who sign up for email at Walmart.com, like its Facebook wall or download the Walmart Mobile App, will be among the FIRST to get early access to special deals and information.

In fact, these customers will receive exclusive, early access to purchase select Black Friday "store" items directly online at Walmart.com and via the Walmart Mobile App hours before they are available in stores.

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Each of the students already has big plans after graduation. Davis of South Carolina State says, "While I am attending culinary school, my plan is to develop a curriculum and run a series of Youth Culinary Cooking Camps." Mosley of Fort Valley State, a single mom of two daughters who has been a licensed cosmetologist, wants to stop the cycle of hypertension, diabetes and heart disease in her family and the African American community. "I plan to teach community members how to eat healthier and to live more productive lives," she says.

Junious of Fort Valley State says she is planning to head to graduate school to become a food chemist. "I want to study the microbiology of food and explore ways to make food healthier with fewer preservatives and additives, which I believe may be harmful to some people," she says. Blumfield of Hampton



John Miller, president and chief executive officer of Denny's, presented a \$25,000 check to Tom Joyner, the nationally syndicated radio personality who also is chairman and founder of the Tom Joyner Foundation. The funds will be used to provide scholarships to students pursuing food science and hospitality management degrees at several Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

says after graduate school she is planning to become a director of youth development programs.

The additional \$15,000 will be used to provide scholarships to selected students at Florida Memorial University (FMU).

"We are very pleased to learn of Denny's renewed

commitment to students at HBCUs across the nation," said FMU President Henry Lewis III. "We are especially pleased that Denny's gift will provide assistance to our single-parent students and those who are dually enrolled in the hospitality management program. Many thanks to Denny's."

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where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as American's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used

the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

Thanksgiving Becomes an Official Holiday - In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil

strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression.

In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so ubiquitous it has become all but synonymous with the holiday. Today, however, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat the bird—whether roasted, baked or deep-fried—on Thanksgiving, according to the National Turkey Federation. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and communities often hold food drives and host free dinners for the less fortunate.

So, now that you know the history – tell us what are you thankful this Thanksgiving at NorthDallasGazette.com.

DART's Blue Line to Rowlett one of many service improvements

Dallas Area Rapid Transit's 4.5-mile Blue Line extension from Downtown Garland Station to the new Downtown Rowlett Station opens Dec. 3 as part of major service and fare changes that include updated pass choices for shorter and off-peak trips.

The new fare structure provides regional fare consistency with DCTA and The T, minimizing the impact on customers who are transit-dependent. Details about the changes can be found in brochures available on DART vehicles, inside transit centers, by visiting www.DART.org or by calling 214-979-1111.

air travel, meetings, conventions and more. The addition of two stations gives Irving five light rail stops.

Downtown Rowlett Station reflects the community

Glass tile mosaic medallions of pastoral images adorn the platform of the Downtown Rowlett Station. A landscaped walkway connects the rail station to nearby bus bays and features paneled walls depicting flowers, birds and trees, and community life. The walls culminate in an undulating circle that recalls cascading water. Rowlett officials are thinking big about the area

ule, but they are encouraged to get a new rail pocket guide for exact schedules on all lines.

Bus routes changed in Rowlett

Route 207 will be discontinued with the extension of the Blue Line. Route 283 trips to Rowlett will also be discontinued; however, trips between the Lake Ray Hubbard Transit Center and downtown Dallas will continue to operate. Route 887, a FLEX route, will be modified to operate between Downtown Rowlett Station and Dexham Road to the west and extend the route east along Lakeview Park-

Bus routes affected by the new Orange Line extension include:

- Route 302, modified and renumbered to new route 504 operating between Downtown Irving/Heritage Crossing and North Lake College stations.

- The combination of routes 303 and 308 to form a new route 401 operating along MacArthur Boulevard and connecting Downtown Irving/Heritage Crossing and North Lake College stations with Valley Ranch.

- Modification of route 501 to serve North Lake College Station as well as Irving Convention Center Station.

- Discontinuation of route 310, with most of its segments replaced by new routes 500, 509 and 510.

To improve transfer opportunities between Irving/Las Colinas buses as well as bus/rail connections, a number of routes will be relocated from Las Colinas Urban Center Station to the Irving Convention Center Station and/or the North Irving Transit Center. Those changes include routes 234, 400, 501, 503, 507 and 528. Some of these routes will connect Irving Convention Center Station and the North Irving Transit Center directly, and customers will have an option to either walk or take a bus for this connection.

New airport bus service caters to DFW, Love Field customers

New route 500 connects customers at Belt Line Station in Irving to DFW Airport's Terminal A and CentrePort Station on the Trinity Railway Express. Buses will meet each Orange Line train, operating every 15 minutes during rush hours, 20 minutes midday, and 30 minutes late evenings. In addition, route 500 will offer a service to airline customers who wish to take

advantage of DART's long-term parking option at Belt Line Station. Options for passengers under DART's enhanced Fair Share Parking program can be found at DART.org/paidparking. Service to CentrePort will be available when TRE trains are running.

New route 524 connects customers at Inwood/Love Field Station to Dallas Love Field Airport. Operating every 15 minutes during rush hours, 20 minutes midday and 30 minutes late evening, buses will meet every Green Line train and provide direct service to Love Field. Buses also will make all current stops of the current route 39 north of the station.

Forest Lane Corridor gets Rapid Ride bus service

Route 987 is the first in a potential series of Rapid Ride routes featuring faster, limited-stop service. This route debuts along the existing Route 486, connecting Downtown Garland and Royal Lane stations. In addition to these two stations, stops will include Brookhaven College; Forest/Jupiter and Forest Lane stations; Forest Lane at Plano Road, Audelia Road, Abrams Road, Greenville Avenue, Park Central Drive, Preston Road, Marsh Lane and Josey Lane; and on Alpha Road at Preston, Noel and Midway roads. Service will operate weekdays only during rush hours with a 15-minute frequency.

Other routes altered

Additional bus service changes include alterations or schedule adjustments to routes 31, 35, 39, 42, 49, 51, 59, 111, 155, 282, 307, 360, 377, 378, 385, 404, 408, 445, 475, 502, 505, 508, 526, 527, 534, 535, 538, 544, 547, 553, 554, 560, 582, 591, 594 and 595. Discontinued routes include 27, 512, 548, 550 and 567.

New routes include 514 to replace route 307, operating between the West Ir-

ving and Downtown Irving/Heritage Crossing stations as far as Carl Road only (extending service along Nursery Road, westbound SH 183 service road and Carl Road); and route 529, operating between Royal Lane and Inwood/Love Field Stations, to replace a portion of current route 51.

New fare structure offers savings and choices

DART's new fare system makes it easier to transfer from buses to trains and establishes a new, money-saving midday pass. There are no changes to the reduced fare structure and the price of a paratransit fare remains at \$3. Other changes include:

- A two-hour pass that costs \$2.50 replaces the current single-ride ticket.

- Three fare classes, Local, System, and Regional, have been consolidated into two classes, Local and Regional. The Local Base Fare and Day Pass increases from \$1.75 and \$4, respectively, to \$2.50 and \$5, but incorporates the features of the former System pass.

- A new midday pass, good between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday is \$1.75 for the Local and \$3.50 for the Regional pass.

- Corporate annual passes are simplified to reflect a price equal to 75 percent of the individual annual pass price.

More fare change information is available online at www.DART.org/2012-FareChange.

Rail station gets new name

The Trinity Railway Express Hurst/Bell Station will be renamed Bell Station, as chosen by the city of Fort Worth. In addition, the street name will change from Bell Spur to Bell Helicopter Boulevard.



Bridge Construction near Downtown Garland Station

The long-awaited Downtown Rowlett Station gives passengers from that city access to the entire DART Rail System. The station features 750 parking spaces and an architectural design reflecting the community's distinctive personality.

On the same day, DART opens the 3.9-mile Orange Line extension from Irving Convention Center Station, adding the North Lake College and Belt Line Road stations. Those stations advance the Orange Line toward its eventual terminus at DFW International Airport. It allows North Texans to expand connections to educational opportunities, the arts,

surrounding the station. They believe rail access will unlock the potential of the city's Downtown Transit Oriented Development area, as well as the Pecan Grove Waterfront Entertainment District.

New rail schedule starts Nov. 19

The final part of operator training begins Nov. 19 when DART introduces a new light rail schedule that accommodates the Dec. 3 opening of the new Orange and Blue line stations as well as the adjustment of bus routes connecting to them. Most light rail customers will notice only small differences with the new sched-

way to Amesbury Lane. Service in discontinued areas west of Dexham Road will be provided by routes 377, 513 and 571. Service will be operated weekdays only with buses every 30 minutes during rush hours and every 40 minutes in non-rush hours.

Orange Line adds two Irving stations, bus routes adjusted

North Lake College Station provides on-site parking with 194 spaces, while Belt Line Station's 596 parking spaces bring the added dimension of an exclusive airport shuttle and new extended hours for paid parking.

Disney on Ice presents *Treasure Trove* is coming to Allen Event Center Thanksgiving Week

Disney On Ice presents *Treasure Trove* sets the gold standard with a magical medley of Disney tales in one jam-packed ice show that commemorates the legacy of Disney animated films. This skating spectacular visits Allen from Nov. 21-25 for eight performances at Allen Event Center. The ice spectacular is a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday addition to families in North Texas.

Get tangled up in Disney's 50th animated feature with Rapunzel and Flynn and enter the worlds of your other favorite Disney princesses –Tiana, Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and of course, the one who started it all, Snow White. Ahoy, Mateys! Set sail with Peter Pan, the always sassy Tinker Bell and the cantankerous Captain Hook and his pirate pals on an adventure beyond Never Land! Trek the wilds of



Africa with Simba, Nala, Pumbaa and Timon as they discover the true meaning of the 'Circle of Life.' Tick-Tock! Tick-Tock! Don't be late to a very important date with Alice and the Mad Hatter as they march with the Queen of Hearts' Army of Cards. Relive magical moments in this ultimate Disney animation celebration coming to Allen!

Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com.

Tickets are \$75 (Rinkside), \$45 (VIP), and \$30. All seats are reserved, and tickets are available by calling Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000 toll free. Tickets may also be purchased at Ticketmaster Retail Locations, including Fiesta Mart, or by purchasing them at the arena's box office.

To learn more about *Disney On Ice*, go to www.disneyonice.com, or visit Facebook and YouTube.

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playing 15 years with the Oakland Raiders. He helped lead the Raiders to wins in Super Bowl IX and XV and was a 6-time Pro Bowler. He went on to become executive director of the NFL Players Association until his untimely death in 2008.

Tommie Smith, born in Clarksville, Texas, won the Gold Medal in the 200-meter dash in the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, then, with teammate John Carlos performed the Black Power Salute on the medal podium, in one of the most symbolic moments during the Civil Rights Movement.

Lori McNeil, a Houston native, pulled off major Grand Slam upsets over Steffi Graf and Chris Evert and won 10 Women's Tennis Assn. singles titles and 32 doubles championships over an 18-year period.

Chadwick Brown starred as an All-American offensive lineman for East Texas State University (now Texas A&M-Commerce) from 1966-68 and for the

past 20 years has served as an NFL game official, having officiated Super Bowls XXXV in Tampa, Florida and XLV in Arlington, Texas.

George "Jake" Roland (Posthumous) won 400 games as a basketball coach for Dallas' Lincoln High School and Carter High School, winning several district championships and Coach of the Year honors.

Horatio Porter was a five-time All-American sprinter at TCU, winning NCAA championships in the 4x100 relays and Southwest Conference titles in the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes.

Bobby E. Moten, Sr. was an All-Conference tight end for Bishop College and a four-letter, double All-State high school athlete, becoming only the third player to be drafted from Bishop College, by the Atlanta Falcons.

"The point to make here is that these athletes and coaches excelled not just



Tim Brown

due to raw athletic ability, but also because of their intellect, their work ethic, discipline and high values system," said Gordon Jackson, a member of TBSHOF's Selection and Advisory Committees. "That's why we're using the theme, 'Celebrating Athletic Brilliance.'"

Tickets for the luncheon are \$75 per person, \$750 per table of ten. The African American Museum is located at 3536 Grand Ave. in Dallas' Fair Park. For more information, call 214-565-9026 ext. 326.

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I immediately realized this was a teaching moment because my sons had a basic understanding of credit in terms of "buy now and pay later." However, I wanted to make sure they fully understood the implications. This inspired me to continue the lesson at home where we could discuss things like interest and debt in a way they could understand.

There are a number of ways to begin teaching your kids about credit at any age. The first step is being open to talking about money and then introducing them to tools and resources that will help them understand basic to more-complex financial management topics. Here are a few tips to get started:

- Define credit: I've found that using a dictionary is a great way to teach younger children new things. This way they get a basic understanding of the term (I also ask them: how do you spell the word; is it a noun or verb; can you use it in a sentence). Online tools are also useful in providing simple and concise information on credit.

- Explain credit: Discuss what credit is used for (like auto and home loans and credit cards) and explain exactly how it works. Lessons on interest rates can help children understand the ramifications of the "buy now, pay later" concept. Outline the benefits of using credit wisely, and the pitfalls of misman-

aging credit. Be direct about how credit impacts many areas of your life: employment, renting an apartment, or buying a home or a car. Ensure that they clearly understand the extent to which bad credit can impact their lives.

- Provide examples: Be prepared for your children to ask whether you use credit, and be open to candidly sharing your experiences. Depending on your child's age, you can assess how much detail is appropriate. For instance, you might want to use a credit card statement as an example if you're discussing credit with a younger child. However, children in high school could benefit from you sharing your family budget and discussing more complex credit products like car loans and mortgages.

- Discuss money management: Budgeting is an essential part of good credit management. Teaching your children how to track and monitor spending will help them to understand the importance of not spending more than what they earn – which can lead to the misuse of credit and ultimately credit dependency. This is another opportunity to provide realistic examples by sharing your family budget. In general, children should have an idea about household expenses so they can adopt realistic attitudes and behaviors regarding credit and financial management.

- Teen accounts: Another way to help older children learn good money management skills is to open a checking account with a debit card. This way teenagers learn firsthand, while they are still under your guidance, how to track expenses and avoid spending more than they have. They should become familiar with online tools to monitor spending, and also get into the habit of manually tracking expenses. Having a checking account is a big responsibility, but it will help you in working with your children to make good financial decisions before leave home and are exposed to credit.

Children shouldn't be frightened by credit, but they should be well informed. Be open to having conversations about finances, and make credit management a part of the discussion. Need help doing it? Handsonbanking.org is a free, interactive tool that can help you and your child learn more about using and managing credit. Also, visit Wells Fargo's Smarter Credit center at wellsfargo.com/smarter_credit for free tools and information on establishing, managing and improving credit. Help protect the financial future of your children!

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Time to reinvent yourself? How to re-strategize for 2013

BY: DR. R. KAY GREEN

Have you met your strategic goals for 2012? 2011? 2010? Have you experienced Recession, Bankruptcy, or Downsizing? With the end of 2012 rapidly approaching, planning personal and professional goals for 2013 has become a priority for people in business and entrepreneurship. The fourth quarter of the year is the best time to reflect on the progress of your career or business; in planning for professional and personal goals for 2013, honesty is key.

The takeaway? When your strategies aren't working, the goal must be to figure out something new. This may be the time to reinvent yourself for the upcoming year. When you reinvent, you have reached a point when repositioning and re-strategizing haven't worked and it's time to create a new version of yourself. This is the point when the artist throws out the original canvas and starts again on a new canvas.

Reinventing yourself is when you come to realize that the person you are, the career you are in, or the business you lead, no longer fits with your future. These are the times when you must reassess who you

are and what you are doing, come to terms with the things that aren't working, and completely reinvent.

If you reach the point where you feel you must reinvent yourself or your business, consider these three key strategies:

Start with a clean slate.

Trying to hold onto certain strategies that may have worked for you in the past is the surest way to prevent a reinvention. Avoid the tendency to want to drift back into previous strategies. Create a new you. Start off with the mindset that the old you doesn't exist anymore. Imagine yourself as a student fresh out of college. Remember the way you felt back then? You were a clean slate and a world of possibility stood before you. That's how you should think of yourself now. Nothing you have done to this point happened or matters. All that matters is what you will do with the new you.

Decide what you want to be.

Remember, that thing you want to be can't be the same as it once was. You're a new you. This is a tough reality to grasp because most of us spend so many years dreaming about achieving that one given

thing. When it doesn't work out, it's tough to let go of the old dream. But here, we're coming up with a new you, and that new you must do some soul-searching to determine what the best new path might be.

What are the honest strengths you bring to the table? Consider shaping your strengths into a branding approach that you admire. What are the brands you value most? Is there anything about you that matches up with that brand?

Get out and take action. With most things in life, the first step is always the toughest. When you reinvent, that first step tends to be even tougher. You are, after all, dispelling everything you've ever done to this point and doing something completely different. That can be scary. Terrifying even. But don't let your fear cause you to drag your feet. Don't stall. Don't wait. Get out there and take action!

The important thing to remember is that you're not the first person to reinvent yourself. Keep that in mind when it comes time to go back to the drawing board and you will be in better position to make the honest, accurate, and appropriate

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Texas Social Security offices cut back hours available to public

Effective Nov. 19, 2012, Texas Social Security offices will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. which reflects a reduction of 30 minutes each weekday. In addition, beginning Jan. 2, 2013, offices will close to the public at noon every Wednesday.

While agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, this shorter public window will allow them to complete

face-to-face interviews and process claims work without incurring the cost of overtime. The significantly reduced funding provided by Congress under the continuing resolution for the first six months of the fiscal year makes it impossible for the agency to provide the overtime needed to handle service to the public as it has done in the past.



In addition, on Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving, all Social Security field offices will be closed to the public. Instead employees working that day will focus

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Daily

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Personal Views: Texas Black Folk Artists at African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave.; 214-565-9026

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Dallas Comedy House Open Mic at 2645 Commerce St; 214-741-4448

Through November 21

Autumn At The Arboretum at Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Rd

Through November 25

Beyond the Lens: The Photography of Resistance and Liberation at Dallas Holocaust Museum/ Center for Education and Tolerance

Through November 27

Family Movie Time at Irving Public Library, 801 W Irving Blvd at 4:30 p.m.; free; Info: 972.721.2628

Through December 6

Books N' Bugs at Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd- Fair Park at 10:30 a.m.; Cost: \$8-\$10; Info: http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/events_and_classes.php

Through December 8

New Life Skills Certificate program for African Women each Saturday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Audelia Branch Library located 10045 Audelia Rd. (at Church St.) in Dallas. Info: hellen.fissahaie5@gmail.com

Through December 11

Movie Night @ the Library at Irving Public Library Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd at 6:30 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: 972-781-2628

Through December 18

TeenScene Movie at Irving Public Library, 801 W Irving Blvd; Free; 972.721.2628

Through December 28

Jazz Happy Hour Fridays at Champagne's Luxe, 5201 W Lovers Lane at 4 p.m.; Info: 214-352-7777

Through January 13

American Childhood: Celebrating Classic Toys at the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture, 100 S Houston

Dead Sea Scrolls & the Bible at MacGorman Performing Arts Center, 4616 Stanley Ave. in Fort Worth; 877-789-0876

November 16 – December 22

The Forgotten Carols at the Beldaire Plaza at 420 East Pipeline Rd. Performances are at 7:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with 3 p.m. matinees on Saturdays Nov. 24 and Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012. Reserved seating tickets on Friday and Saturday are \$18 for adults, \$16 for students and seniors, and \$9 for children 12 and under. 817-284-1200 or <http://www.ArtisanCT.com>

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Nestlé is removing the canisters from distribution because the company was notified by an ingredient supplier, Omya Inc. that it

has issued a recall of certain lots of its ingredient, calcium carbonate due to possible presence of Salmonella. Calcium carbonate is used in NESQUIK as an ingredient. There have been no reports of any illnesses or adverse health effects associated with the affected product.

To ensure the safety of consumers, Nestlé is recalling selected NESQUIK



Chocolate Powder. The recall is limited to the following sizes, UPC and production codes of NESQUIK Chocolate Powder. To see more info visit our website at www.northdallasgazette.com.

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decisions that will lead to greater success in the future.

Dr. R. Kay Green is CEO/President of RKG

Marketing Solutions, a professor of marketing and author of the new book, *I've Been Called the B* Word... Now What Do I Do?* 13

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of scores of nonprofit organizations because they didn't file annual reports for three consecutive years, as required by law. Use the IRS Exempt Organizations Select Check tool to ensure an organization's eligibility.

Get bang for your buck. Make sure any non-profit to which you donate is well-run. Ideally the organization applies at least 75 percent of contributions to programs that serve its beneficiaries, versus spending on salaries, advertising, fund-raising and other administrative expenses.

Study the organization's website, annual report and mission statement, and ask for a copy of its IRS Form 990, which details how contributions are spent. Speak to staff members or volunteers, or volunteer there

yourself. Or, if you know someone who has used its services, ask for their impressions of the organization's efficiency and helpfulness to clients.

Other helpful sites: Charity Navigator's "Top 10" lists and "Tips and Resources" sections provide helpful evaluation tools (www.charitynavigator.org). And Guide-Star offers helpful questions to ask potential recipients and tips for choosing a charity (www.guide-star.org).

No more direct IRA distributions. A major tax break for senior citizens regarding charitable contributions expired at the end of 2011. Formerly, people over age 70 ½ could contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to charity and have it count toward their annual

IRA Required Minimum Distribution. This allowed seniors to avoid having to count the funds as adjusted gross income, thereby reaping a tax advantage even if they didn't itemize deductions.

And finally, if you can't afford a cash donation but still want to help, consider donating your time. Numerous organizations can match you up with local charities that suit your interests, including the government's United We Serve site (www.serve.gov), Network for Good (www.networkforgood.org), and Volunteer Match (www.volunteer-match.org).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

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sured population in one year. The needs of these individuals will not disappear if we fail to expand Medicaid, but we will lose out on a nine to one match that other states will utilize and we will continue to pass the cost down to local hospitals

and ultimately to taxpayers," said Senator Ellis.

Senate Joint Resolution 8 allows voters to decide on the expansion of Medicaid as allowed under the Affordable Care Act.

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November 25, 8 a.m.

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November 28

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November 25, 9:35 a.m.

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November 28, 7 p.m.

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November 25

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November 28, 7:30 p.m.

Come to Bible Study as we go further in and deeper down into God's Word and we give Him all of the glory, honor and praise.

December 1, 11 a.m.

Ladies you are invited to our Women of Wisdom meeting as we study and discuss God's Word. Call the church for details.

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November 25, 9:30 a.m.

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November 28, 7 p.m.

Join us for our Church Wide Fasting each Wednesday (100% juice & water only); the fast begins at 12:01 am with our 1st prayer at 3:30 am; 2nd prayer at 12 Noon, and closing prayer at 6 pm. Then join us for Wednesday Night Live in the

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November 25, 9:30 a.m.

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November 28, 7 p.m.

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November 25, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Sunday school with Elder / Superintendent Greg Mason; Sis. Vicki Mason, adult class teacher and Evangelist Elizabeth McAfee, children class teacher and Director of our children's choir. Then stay for Morning Service at 11 a.m. as we worship, honor and praise God for His goodness.

November 27, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our School of The Prophets as Pastor Voss; who is a prophet, bring the Word of God; and we worship and praise God's Holy name.

December 2-7, 7:30 pm

Join us for our Winter Holy Ghost Camp Meeting. There will be songs, fellowship and praising God for His blessings throughout the year.

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Christians are the same; with the power of the Holy Spirit residing in their hearts and lives, it is greater than all the pressure of the external world.

Think about the different opponents who come to impede or block your progress. Satan's strategy is to deflate you and render you inoperative, but the Holy Spirit gives you buoyancy (confidence.) You can roll with the punches.

It may seem that at times that you are being tossed around by circumstances, but with God's power within, you will always bounce back. **1 John 4:4** is a great comfort to many people who are not having it very easy in life. It is a constant reminder of

God's sustaining grace, Christ's resident peace, and the Holy Spirit's indwelling power. Greater is the power within us than the pressure upon us. Hang in there Christians; in spite of all, we are winning! "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." **1 John 4:4**

Take Time to Listen: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." **James 1:5 (KJV)**

As you are going about your everyday life, and you are facing a problem, the very first thing you should do is ask God for His wisdom. Not money; not power; not even healing. But ask for His wisdom.

God's wisdom is the key that will unlock every door in your life. It will turn your failure into success. Stop wasting your prayers begging God for things you think you need; instead, spend some time in listening to what He has to say about your situation.

Here's what you need to do:

First, lay out the entire problem before God, not because He doesn't know what you're going through,

God's Internal Pressure

but because laying it out helps you. It helps you see things from a more objective point of view.

Second, listen for the Holy Spirit to advise you. Pay attention to what He says through the written Word. Most likely, the care of your problem has choked the Word of God out of your heart. **Mark 4:18-19.**

As you are listening, be sure to remain teachable. Be ready to accept rebuke if necessary. Be very honest with God. Look for ways in which you've been wrong and confess them to Him. Confession just gives you the opportunity to get rid of them.

Third, act on the wisdom that God gives you. Let go of your own methods and put His methods into operation. As you pray be obedient, if you don't, that wonderful wisdom won't do you any good at all. It's the only thing that can permanently solve the problems that you have been

facing or will face in the future.

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." **Isaiah 55:8-11.**

Take Time: Take time to THINK; the Bible says that if a man lack wisdom, let him ask God, it is the source of wisdom. Take time to DREAM; it is the fountain of the future. Take time to PLAY, it is the way to stay young at heart. Take time to REFLECT; it is the way to know God.

Take time to SMILE; it is the road to happiness; you will also use less muscles. Take time to LAUGH; it is the music of the soul. Take time to LOVE; it is God's greatest gift. Take time to PRAY; it is the greatest power on earth.

Think about this: Mahatma Gandhi once wrote



Mrs. Jessie B. Green, July 4, 1913 – November 5, 2012. We thank God for her 99 years of a Christian's life. She was my mother's sister, her best friend in her lifetime and a favorite aunt.

that there were seven sins in the world: 1) Wealth without work. 2) Pleasure without conscience. 3) Knowledge without char-

acter. 4) Commerce without morality. 5) Science without humanity. 6) Worship without sacrifice. 7) Politics without principle.

INGRAHAM, continued from Page 2

Chef Richard Ingraham was raised in Miami and has been a food enthusiast since an early age. He trained at the Culinary Institute of Atlanta and his professional experiences have ranged from restaurant work to his current position as a private chef cooking for athletes and celebrities. During the day Chef Ingraham is a private chef, but at night he's a busy dad. He is

passionate about the time he spends in the kitchen and he believes in creating simple, delicious, and affordable meals for family and friends.

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But that doesn't stop some people. In the new book **Pinned** by Sharon G. Flake, girl plus boy is a

match, in more ways than one.

Not one of fourteen-year-old Autumn's friends liked Adonis.

Peaches, her bestie, thought he was stuck-up. She said Autumn could do better, and that Autumn barely knew Adonis. Peaches wanted Autumn to focus on school and their together-dream of opening a restaurant-bakery. She didn't want Autumn to think of Adonis at all.

And maybe Peaches was right about that, but Autumn had her eye on the boy. He might be in a wheelchair, but he was nice and he was smart. Adonis was the wrestling team manager and Autumn was the

Pinned is a book all ages will enjoy

only girl on the team, so they were together just about every day during practice. She made sure they were together at other times, too.

She might not know Adonis very well... but that could change.

Adonis thought that girl was a pain.

If Autumn wasn't one of the team's best wrestlers, he'd talk to Coach about her. Adonis himself had told her to leave him alone several times, but she just didn't get it. As a fresh-



man in high school, he had his future all mapped out and it did not include some grammar-challenged, rap-singing, fast-talking girl from the bad side of town. She was always talking, blah-blah-blah.

Couldn't shut up, always asking him questions.

Mama thought Autumn was sweet. She said to give Autumn a chance, but Adonis just wished that wrestling season was over. He'd be glad. Maybe that girl would finally, com-

pletely be out of his hair.

But when Autumn's grades kept her out of championship competition, Adonis regretted his wish. She started to hang out with him more, and she was always crying. He hated that because it made him feel helpless. It made him want to comfort her.

It made him want to kiss her...

Here's a secret: I hate gushy novels. So imagine how happy I was to see that *Pinned* is a totally different kind of boy-meets-girl story.

First of all, this book definitely lacks attitude and teen-queen drama. It's not populated with over-the-top rich divas; no, author Sharon G. Flake's

characters are just average kids. Autumn is a little street-smart. Adonis is a big jerk. She's eager to change—first for a boy and then for herself. He starts to accept his softer side as he learns that vulnerability won't derail his dreams. That makes this a wonderful first-love story that's sweet and clean without hearts-and-flowers gushiness.

Ahhhh.

While this book is meant for 12-to-16-year-olds, anyone who loves a good story will find it to be quick and endearing. In lacking a bunch of eye-roll-inducing fluff, *Pinned* is really quite sharp.

"*Pinned*" by Sharon G. Flake (Scholastic Press \$17.99 240 pages)

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1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074

972-423-8833

www.avefchurchofchrist.org

Early Sunday Morning 8:00 am
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 3:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 pm

Radio Program @ 7:30 am on
KHVN 970 AM Sunday Mornings

INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH
7701 S. WESTMORELAND RD.
DALLAS, TX 75227
972-572-4262 (IBOC)

SERVICE TIMES:
SUNDAY
LIVE ON KJRH 7:30 AM
10:30 AM
MONDAY SCHOOL
7:00 PM
THURSDAY
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
7:00 PM
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INVITED BY: _____

South Dallas Faith Base Outreach Ministry

PASTOR WILLIE C. COCHRAN



We provide: Prayer, Spiritual Counseling, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Marriage Counseling, Notary Public

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING

We would like to invite all men to come out to our prayer meeting The first Monday of every month

BRING A FRIEND!

TIME: 7:00PM Sharp

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

We would like to invite men & women to come out to our prayer meeting and Bible Study

The first Tuesday of every month

TIME: 7:00PM Sharp to 8:00pm

LOCATION: 2822 Tanner, Dallas, TX 75215
off MLK Blvd & Malcom X Blvd

For more information about our meetings and our services, please call:
PASTOR WILLIE C. COCHRAN, Founder
2822 Tanner, Dallas, TX 75215
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Isiah Joshua, Jr.
Pastor



2012 Theme:
*Serving the Savior,
Seeking the Sinner
and Sustaining the Saved*

Worship Times: 8 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Mid-week: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Service: Every 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

AWANA: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Contact Information: 972-423-6695
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Becoming Salt and Light

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship

Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor

1010 & 1020 S. Sherman Street Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493 www.ndcbf.org

Sunday Worship Services
7:45am 9:30am 11:30am



Charles S. Wattley
Senior Pastor

SUNDAY

Education Ministries
9:30 a.m.

Worship Celebration
10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Family Ministries
7:00 p.m.

*Friendly Fellowship
With a Family Focus!*

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