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Statement by the President on the Supreme Court Ruling on Shelby County v. Holder

Comments provided by President Barack Obama following the Supreme Court's ruling on the Voting Rights Act: "I am deeply disappointed with the Supreme Court's decision today. For nearly 50 years, the Voting Rights Act – enacted and repeatedly renewed by wide bi-



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partisan majorities in Congress – has helped secure the right to vote for millions of Americans. Today's decision invalidating one of its core provisions upsets decades of well-established practices that help make sure voting is fair, especially in places where voting discrimination has

been historically prevalent. As a nation, we've made a great deal of progress towards guaranteeing every American the right to vote. But, as the Supreme Court recognized, voting discrimination still exists. And while today's decision is a setback, it doesn't

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FTC to issue over 1,000 new community radio licenses to non-profit groups

In January, 2011, President Barack Obama signed the Local Community Radio Act into law. As a result of this new law, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must issue over a thousand new low power community radio licenses to not-for-profit organizations



and community groups. As a result on Monday, June 17 the FCC issued the official application as well as designating October 15 – October 29, 2013, as the official time period when these applications will be accepted. When that two-week window ends, so will one of the biggest op-

portunities we have had in decades to take our message to the airwaves and let our voices be heard.

People of color currently make up over 36 percent of the U.S. population but own just over 7 percent of radio licenses and 3 percent of TV

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Staycation opportunities to enjoy the 4th of July in Fort Worth

Instead of traveling across the country, why not simply go across the Metroplex and enjoy the western world of Fort Worth. It is an ideal way to celebrate America's most patriotic holiday and more importantly it is affordable.



The Radisson Fort Worth is only six miles out-

side of downtown Fort Worth where all of the fes-

tivities will take place during the holiday weekend. The hotel offers Texas hospitality and prices which leave hotel guests will money to spend on the wide range of activities Fort Worth has to offer, including Fort Worth's Fourth which is slated to be

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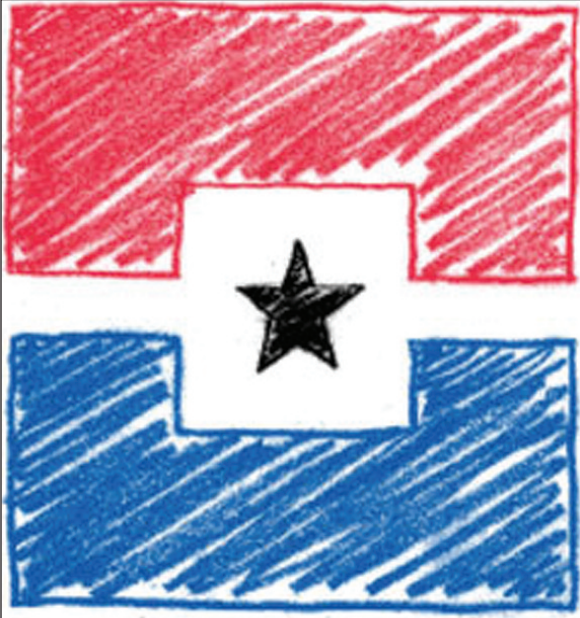


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COMMENTARY

Domestic Spying is Nothing New

By Bill Fletcher, Jr. (NNPA) Forgive me if I come across as cynical, but why is anyone surprised by our domestic spying? I am not talking about the ridiculous situation with the IRS. That is a tempest in a teapot, and everyone knows that. No, I am speaking about the NSA spying.

Think about it for a second, and really this comes down to how far back in history you want to go. For those of us who lived through the 1960s

and 1970s, there was the case of the FBI's notorious Counter-Intelligence Program (COINTEL-PRO) that was used to disrupt and suppress social justice movements and organizations, including but not limited to the Black freedom movement. Think of how many organizations were destroyed, activists imprisoned, killed or, literally, driven insane.

Jump forward to 2001 and the immediate after-

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Mark S. Tillman

(BlackNews.com) -- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the world's oldest intercollegiate fraternity founded by African-American men, will host its 107th anniversary convention at the Austin Convention Center and Hilton Austin Hotel from June 25-30. Thousands of Alpha members from nearly 700 chapters spanning four continents and their families will descend upon the capital city to take part in five days of leadership workshops and service projects.

Alpha will kick off the public portion of the convention with a community service project in support of the fraternity's mission. Alpha members will invite youth from the Austin metropolitan area to participate in the "Leadership Development Institute" (LDI) program on Wednesday, June 26, at the Hilton Austin Hotel. This program will focus on service, team building and how good leadership yields success from the classroom to the boardroom.

"We look forward to holding our first convention in Austin and having a positive impact on the local community," said Mark S. Tillman, general president of Alpha Phi Alpha. "This convention is a tremendous opportunity for Alpha to invest in our members, the people of Austin and their future." Tillman, a long-time mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, is committed to investing in and mentoring youth throughout his tenure as general president.

As part of the "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" community/voter education



program, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will host a public program at the Hilton Austin Hotel. The public program will focus on the United States Supreme Court's upcoming decisions on voting rights and race, and the recent actions by the court on affirmative action. Ari Melber, co-host of the MSNBC show "The Cycle," will serve as the keynote speaker. The program will take place on Wednesday, June 26, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

In an effort to address the nation's unemployment rate,

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J-Javon

K Michael of the Forever K Michael Collection extends his congratulations and best wishes for continued success to the very talented international model, J-Javon. Not just another handsome face and a 6 pack, J-Javon is a male model who represents the Forever K Michael designer eyewear brand. Born and raised in Richmond, VA, the 28 year old who has been modeling for 8 years now, also serves his country as a Drill Ser-

geant in the United States Army. He is currently relocating to Atlanta to continue his modeling and acting career, where he is signed to Leighala J. Management & Entertainment.

Commenting, K Michael said, "J-Javon has had a modeling deal with the Forever K Michael Collection since November 2011. He is highly respected by me and my team and greatly valued as a brand ambassador. Despite his success, he's still



giving back, and that's something that deserves recognition because, quite simply, not everyone has the moral compass to do it. He has been an advocate for the Forever K Michael brand, and was by my side for the Avon-Virginia Commonwealth University Breast Cancer Crusade, donating his time and talent for breast cancer survivors."

J-Javon's list of achievements is growing rapidly. He was recently interviewed for New Zealand radio by Martha

Samasoni of MuzicHeadz.com, and on April 23, he was a featured guest at the Houston's Ultimate Fashion Business and Beauty Showcase in Houston, as well as a guest on *The Fobbs Business Review* TV show which airs in Houston, Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio. J-Javon has been interviewed by Radio One and he hosted *Video Countdown* on ComCast during the summer of 2012. He was also a guest host for the *Bad Boy Video Show Countdown*.

Joah Spearman

AUSTIN - Less than four months after its launch in Austin, Localeur last week

sight from venture capitalists, private equity and angel investors around the country.



announced it was named one of the top startups to watch in Austin. The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and SXSW Interactive compile the A-List with in-

"It's such a privilege to be named to this summer's A-List just a few months after our launch and before any VC funding," said Joah Spearman, co-

founder and CEO. "This is a great sign for our growth and early traction, and a testament to our commitment to being a key player in the Austin entrepreneurial community."

The 19 members of the 2013 A-List represent key sectors of innovation spanning life sciences, business analytics, mobile and lifestyle applications and include some of Austin's best-known B2B startups such as Adometry, Mass Relevance, RetailMeNot and Spreadfast. Members of the 2012 A-List have received a combined \$57.7 million in investment since its announcement in October.

Localeur launched in Austin on March 1 just before SXSW Interactive and expanded to include Houstonas well on June 1. The company curates recom-

mendations on places to eat, drink and hang out from Millennials in cities to help travelers experience new cities like locals.

Since launch, the startup has experienced considerable growth in traffic, visitor time on site and pages per visit, and is currently working on its iPhone app to meet high demand it's getting through its Web-based app. The startup plans to expand into at least two more markets in the coming months in an effort to bring even more value to travelers who have taken to the concept of relying on curated, local recommendations.

Thus far, Localeur has raised \$250,000 in angel funding and believes its diverse mix of well-connected investors will help it expand into new markets in 2013 following the close

of a Seed round, which they are currently raising with angels and venture

capitalists between Austin and New York.

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Blackonomics: Stop spending and start producing

BY JAMES CLINGMAN (NNPA) “Stop that! I’m not going to tell you again.” I am sure many of you have heard your parents say those words more than once. Why? Because you always repeated what they told you not to do, right? Now that we are adults ourselves, some of us who are consciously aware of the state of the Black economy in this nation are saying the same thing to our people. “Stop that!” Stop spending so much and start producing more. Stop creating wealth for every other group and virtually none for ourselves. Stop capitulating to the whimsical and dangerous malaise of “instant gratification.” Stop!

The information that made me scream at our people when I read it was a well-written article, by Jeneba Ghatt, and featured in the online magazine, Politics 365. The title itself, “Black Spending Power to Hit \$1 Trillion by 2015, But Black Wealth is Dropping,” conjures up an immediate sense of, “Say what?” and “What the...?” The infer-

ence I drew from the title comprised a conundrum, an enigma, a paradox, an oxymoron, an irony, an inconsistency, a contradiction, and just plain out of order.

My penchant for yelling, “Stop it!” has come from two decades of writing essentially what Sister Ghatt delineated in her article. And let me commend Claud Anderson, Tony Brown, and others who have been yelling a lot longer than I have about the foolishness of Black folks bragging about, or buying into others who brag about, so-called Black spending (purchasing, consumption, or buying) power.” It may be power, but only for those with whom we spend our trillion dollars; it’s definitely a weakness for us.

Can you see the untenable and downright ridiculous economic position Black people are in vis-à-vis having a \$1 trillion annual income versus not having built a commensurate level of wealth with such a great deal of money? What sense does it make to even discuss Black spending

power if we are not willing to leverage that \$1 trillion into wealth for ourselves and our children? It’s similar to how we brag about how “powerful” our votes are, but we get very little in return for them.

Jeneba Ghatt wrote: “Although Blacks make up 13% of the US population, they own merely 5% of all US firms and only 1.8% of companies that employ more than one person... More than half of Black-owned businesses had less than \$10,000 in business receipts in 2002, compared with one-third of White-owned firms and 28.8 percent of Asian-owned firms.”

Two questions: Where have you heard or read that before? And, what does that say about our willingness to support Black businesses with Black dollars?

“Stop it! I’m not going to tell you again.” That is, until the next time I tell you the same thing, and the times after that, just as any good parent does out of love for their children. But in addition to my continu-

ing to rave about our economic condition, and offer ways to ameliorate our situation, I will continue to encourage folks like Ghatt to enlighten us. It’s the same message with a different messenger, but all in the line of Booker T., Garvey, Bethune, DuBois, Elijah Muhammad, Luke Edwards, Robert Wallace, and Brooke Stephens.

In his own inimitable style (If you know him you will understand), Claud Anderson, author of Poweronomics and president of the Harvest Institute in Washington, D.C., responded to the article by saying, “Bragging about how much Blacks consume is like a crack addict bragging about how much money he spends to consume crack. It’s the producers and sellers of crack that have the power, not the consuming addict. All the crack addict has is a bad habit that consumes brain tissue and wealth. Like the crack addict, we as a race, simply consume what others produce. We enrich those from

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math of the 9/11 Al Qaeda terrorist attacks. In a rush that would make an Olympic sprint appear to be a snail’s race, the Patriot Act was passed by Congress without most legislators stopping to read it. We have been living with the Patriot Act ever since and this administration has never taken the slightest step to move to overturn it. Thus, we continue to have Guantanamo cages and targeted assassinations. And, of course, we have wiretapping.

The Obama administration counters its critics by suggesting that this domestic surveillance has successfully thwarted numerous terrorist conspiracies. I do not doubt for a moment that that is at least partially true. But that avoids a larger question. After all, a broken clock is right twice a day. The issue that the peo-

ple of the U.S.A. have to address is the implication of living in a constant state of fear and never getting to the root of the larger problem of terrorism.

Let’s be clear that in most discussions of terrorism, there is very little concern about domestic, right-wing terrorism. The proliferation of right-wing militias and other para-military formations is all but ignored by the mainstream media (and much of law enforcement) despite the fact that these forces constitute a greater threat to us in the U.S. than many Islamic jihadists.

Let us also be clear that the policies of the USA frequently catalyze the actions of fanatics. Do we need to be reminded of how U.S. support for Muslim fundamentalists in their war with the then-Soviet Union in Afghanistan (in the 1980s),

only to abandon Afghanistan, contributed to the 9/11 blowback? Do we need to be reminded that the NATO intervention in Libya unleashed weapons caches that have spread AK-47s throughout North Africa? Do we need to think for more than a second about the implications of intervening in the Syrian civil war as allies of the jihadists and their Saudi/Qatari sponsors?

Instead of asking the big questions, too many of us have decided to live in a permanent state of fear of the next terrorist attack. That fear has translated, for more than 12 years, into a willingness to close our eyes to the erosion of civil liberties; the unapologetic enthusiasm of the U.S.A. to engage in torture and targeted assassinations; and the audacity of initiating aggression in violation of in-

ternational law and precedent, all in the name of opposing terrorism.

Just so that I am not misunderstood, this problem did not start with the Obama administration, and, unless we do something, will not end with the Obama administration. There should be no surprises here about domestic surveillance. Instead the time has come to draw a line. Authoritarianism never suggests an end to freedom; rather, it promises safety and security against the threat of the moment.

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Local pastors inspired by James Robison at Annual Methodist Charlton Appreciation Luncheon

James Robison brought a special message to pastors as guest speaker for the Methodist Charlton Medical Center's annual Pastor Appreciation Luncheon. Methodist Charlton hosts the Pastor Appreciation Luncheon each year to honor pastors and ministry leaders.

Robison, who has delivered the Gospel to the masses – first through crusade evangelism and for more than 40 years via television, spoke about how Jesus came to heal broken hearts. Robison is also co-host of LIFE Today, a daily syndicated television program that reaches millions of households across America on satellite and national networks such as Discovery, ABC Family, and inspirational networks including TBN, Daystar and INSP. In addition to Robison, guests enjoyed music by Tiffini Hall with Christ Arts Ministries. KCBI Radio Affiliated.

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Supreme Court's ruling a victory for generic drug producers and consumers

Last week, the Supreme Court sided with the Federal Trade Commission in a case challenging "pay-for-delay" and other payment agreements that pharmaceutical companies make with rival companies to keep cheaper generic versions of drugs off the market. In the Federal Trade Commission v. Actavis case the Court ruled regulators can challenge deals between brand-name drug companies and generic rivals that delay cheaper medicines from going on sale, which can increase costs to consumers by billions of dollars.

However, the Court's 5-3 vote denied the Federal Trade Commission's request to declare "pay-for-delay" deals illegal. The case centered around drug company Solvay's agreement with four generic companies to suspend sales of the generic versions of Androgel, a gel for men with low testosterone.

"Seniors and consumers should celebrate the decision," said Ruben Burks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance for Retired Americans. "However, while it is great that regulators can challenge these unholy deals to keep generic drugs off the market, it would have been even better if the deals had been ruled illegal altogether."

Carter BloodCare donors at select locations will receive free Domino's Pizza vouchers

DFW – This summer Carter BloodCare has teamed up with Domino's Pizza stores across the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The community is invited to participate by giving blood and receiving a "give back" from Domino's Pizza. Everyone who donates blood at a Dallas-Fort Worth Carter BloodCare Donor Center during the week of Sunday, June 30 to Sunday, July 6 will receive a voucher for a free, 16-piece order of Domino's Parmesan Bread Bites while supplies last (carryout only).

Donors who give at a participating Domino's Pizza mobile blood drive will receive a voucher for one free 1-topping medium pizza, excluding pan crust, while supplies last (carryout only). For more information and for donor center and mobile blood drive locations please visit, www.BackYardRewards.org.

Summer is the most challenging season to maintain the community blood supply. Donors are fewer in number and the need for blood by local hospitals is higher than usual. Every 90 seconds a local patient within the Carter BloodCare service area requires a blood transfusion. Giving blood often is the best way to maintain a quality and sufficient local blood supply. Whole blood donors may give every 56 days and friends and family are invited, too.

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HIV Positive test results – what next?

June 27 was the National HIV Testing Day as healthcare professionals urged patients to get tested for HIV. These are a few tips if you or someone you love receives a report indicating they are HIV positive. It is suggested the steps are followed even if you do not feel sick:

- Find a doctor or licensed healthcare provider with experience treating HIV. It is important to maintain a relationship with a healthcare provider you trust. Contact your local health department for a referral if you don't know how to find a provider with HIV experience.
- Get screened for other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and for TB (tuberculosis). Undetected co-infections, such as STDs and TB, can cause serious health complications—and having HIV makes you more vulnerable to those complications.

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Local purpose coach nominated for the 2013 Girl on Fire Awards

DALLAS – The 2013 Girl on Fire Awards will celebrate the journey of a woman in every aspect of her life. The award recipients will be honored at a special ceremony. Brandy Adamson, Your Purpose Coach, has received two nominations this year. Adamson is a finalist in the categories of 2013 Best Entrepreneur Award and 2013 Best Mentor/Life Coach Award.

When asked about the nominations, Adamson shared “While exciting, the nominations are very humbling and help me to remem-

ber why I do what I do. Many times I wonder the depth of the impact I am making in the lives of others and when I receive recognitions like these, I am reminded that I am making a difference. It is an honor to not only be recognized, but be associated with other women that are also living their purpose and making a great impact in the lives of others.”

To vote for Adamson in the two categories she is nominated for just visit <http://www.girlonfireawards.com>.

Plano Television Network off the air for HD upgrades

The Plano Television Network (PTN) is upgrading the 10-year-old equipment in the PTN studios. When the upgrades are complete, PTN will be fully high-definition (HD) capable. The upgrades are being funded through the Public, Education and Government

(PEG) Access fees that are charged to all cable television customers by the cable companies.

The installation was timed to take place during the annual City Council summer break. However, Planning and Zoning Com-

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Congressman Veasey announces July Small Business

Congressman Veasey will host a FREE small business forum at the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce on July 26, from 8:30 a.m. - Noon. The event is designed to assist small businesses in the 33rd Congressional District to compete more effectively to secure federal contracts.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) workshop on July 26 will feature information sessions, networking opportunities, and hands-on assistance for small business owners. With the support of the SBA, the event will include procurement officers from the Army Corps of Engineers, the General Services Administration (GSA), and the U.S. Department of Labor, as well as federally certified small business leaders who will share their experiences.

Leading up to this event, the SBA will be

working to educate constituents on how to become certified for set-aside and sole source contracts with federal agencies. In July, the following SBA workshops will be held in Dallas and Fort Worth:

July 1 – 10 am to 12 noon at the Bill J. Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth St., Dallas

July 3 – 10 am to 12 noon at the SBA Dallas/Fort Worth District Office, 4300 Amon Carter Blvd., Ste. 114, Fort Worth

The FREE small business forum hosted by Congressman Veasey will be held on July 26 at 8:30 am to 12 noon at the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce located at 900 Conover Dr. in Grand Prairie.

For more information on the FREE small business forum, please contact Stephen Sargent at Stephen.sargent@mail.hou.se.gov.



Curtis Report
by Barry Curtis

The last five decades have seen a solid almost monolithic support among black people for the Democratic Party. This solid voting block is a direct result of the democratic manipulation of black people and a not so subtle attempt to keep the “black vote” in the democratic column.

Here are the rules for keeping the black vote democratic.

There must first be an overseer - That’s the anointed democratic leadership responsible for keeping the black folks in line. The best way to keep your slave mentality intact is to have a person who can be identified as having the same mentality enforcing the folly. Now enter Jesse Jackson, Shelia Jackson Lee, Maxine Waters, Al Sharpton, need we go on? They continue with the myth that “look we are all black and

The five democratic rules for overseeing black people, and other misguided follies

we are democrats” thus so should you be. Don’t bother thinking! We will think for you.

In the 1800’s in America’s south, on large plantations, the person who directed the daily work of the slaves was the overseer, usually a white man but occasionally an enslaved black man—a “driver”—promoted to the position by his master. Some plantations had both a white overseer and a black driver, especially in the Deep South or on plantations where the master was often absent.

Blacks must believe that conservatism isn’t for you - Liberals want black people to believe that they have little to no common ground with conservatives. Nothing can be further from the truth. There is strong support in the black community for school vouchers (that is the ability for parents to send their kids from state schools to private schools based on govern-

ment funds, in essence to opt out of public schools).

Many recent polls show a shift in the black community and their support for abortion, abortion rates in the black community are almost twice that of their white counterparts. This shift is more significant among black Christians. There is a rising chorus among blacks regarding illegal immigration and its effects on the jobs available for blacks and social status. All are very conservative positions.

Blacks can’t make it as Republicans - This is one of the biggest lies of the liberal left and one that they can’t keep up much longer. We need only look at Dr. Ben Carson, let’s not forget the great service of Colin Powell and Dr. Condoleezza Rice, both serving as secretary of state. U.S. Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina, Allen West the black Republican Congressman from Florida and of course,

the former head of the Republican Party Michael Steele. The list goes on and on. Clearly the liberals are losing this position.

The traitor aspect of being a black conservative - Much like the overseers of the plantation the liberal left will make an example out of any person that *runs away* from the liberal ideology and that much taunted black voting block. So don’t be a run away. The black NFL quarter back Robert Griffin III and Heisman trophy winner who is a self-proclaimed conservative recently tweeted “In the land of freedom we are held hostage by the tyranny of political correctness.” He should know, he was publicly blasted on ESPN for not being black enough and having a “white women” a clear message by the liberal media to all blacks, *don’t get off the plantation or we will whipped you back in place.*

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Lewisville Council approves expansion of indoor firing range

Lewisville City Council has approved a \$1.2 million expansion of the city’s Public Safety Training Facility for use by the police and fire departments. The project will add 5,000

square feet of space to the existing indoor firing range, approximately 15,000 square feet or paving, and a new 1,300-square-foot building for vehicles and apparatus.

The project was approved by Lewisville voters as part of a 2003 bond election, and is the final part of the public safety component in that bond package.

Reeder General Contractors has been awarded the \$1,217,460 contract after review and evaluation of 17 sealed bids. Completion is expected by March 2014.

Futobol club kicks off in Rockwall

ROCKWALL — Rockwall Futobol Club (RFC) announces their inaugural season of soccer. Currently RFC has five teams playing for the club. There are two U11/U12 girl teams, one U9 boys team, one U7 boys team, and one U16 girls team. Most of the teams play on the recreational level at the Rockwall YMCA, but plans are to move one of the U11 girls teams to Plano Premier for the 2014-15 season.

This Club was started and currently run by Mark Helms of Rockwall, Chet Bayes of McKinney, and Brad Ayers of Allen. All three men have years of experience in playing, coach-

ing, and running soccer programs in the North Texas area.

Their plan is to offer an economical choice for select club soccer, so that no

player is left behind because of financial considerations.

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Parkland, Walgreens and Greater Than AIDS team up to provide free HIV testing

DALLAS — In observance of National HIV Testing Day, Parkland Health & Hospital System's HIV Prevention staff is teaming up with Walgreens, the nation's largest pharmacy chain, and Greater Than AIDS, a coalition of public and private sector partners united in response to the domestic epidemic, to provide free HIV testing. The service will be available from 2 to 6 p.m. June 27, 2 to 6 p.m. June 28 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 29 at Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, 3826 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, 75219.

"We are excited to be proactively reaching out to the Dallas community to help raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with HIV," said Sylvia Moreno, RN, Parkland's Director of Nursing in HIV Services. "The goal of National HIV Testing Day is to help everyone learn their HIV status, and through our free HIV testing events this year, I know we are helping people accomplish that."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 1.2 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV and almost one in five do not know they are infected. National HIV Testing Day is an annual

campaign to encourage people of all ages to "Take the Test, Take Control." The day was first observed on June 27, 2005 and was established as an annual observance to promote HIV testing. The CDC reports that getting medical care and taking medicines regularly helps people with HIV live longer, healthier lives and also lowers the chance of passing HIV on to others.

Parkland's HIV Prevention Program provides a comprehensive approach to HIV prevention by offering routine HIV testing in Parkland's Emergency Department, targeting high-risk individuals to get tested and helping patients make the transition from newly diagnosed to fully-engaged in medical care. In addition, the program offers prevention intervention counseling sessions for HIV patients that encourage and support risk reduction, include activities designed to increase the patient's knowledge of his or her HIV status, and secure needed referrals for medical, social, prevention and partner services. Comprehensive risk counseling and services are also offered to HIV patients, and an HIV/STI/hepatitis risk reduction program for people returning to the community

after incarceration called Project Start is also a part of Parkland's HIV Prevention Program.

"As a department, we test more than 5,000 people a year for HIV. We are proud to join forces with the Dallas Testing Taskforce for National HIV Testing Day to help the citizens of Dallas be aware of their HIV status," said Candace Moore, MS, Parkland's HIV Prevention Program Manager.

Parkland is the premier health care facility in North Texas for HIV and offers numerous services and research activities to individuals who are living with the HIV virus. In addition to the HIV Prevention Program, Parkland provides five HIV clinics, the TX/OK AIDS Education and Training Center, an HIV Consumer Advisory Board, and an HIV Research Unit operated by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Parkland also makes support services available to family and friends of HIV/AIDS patients.

For more information about Parkland's HIV services, please call 214.590.7055. For more information about HIV outreach events, please call Candace Moore at 214.590.8548.

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bigger this year. There will be plenty of family activities, music, and a festive fireworks show along the Trinity River at Panther Island Pavilion. Activities include Jet Ski shows, tubing, pony rides, miniature golf, levee slide, train rides, bounce houses, water slides, a treasure dig, fishing tank, and live music from "Downtown Fever." Enjoy front row seats to Fort Worth's biggest firework display.

Gates open at 2 p.m., live music is from 6-9:30 p.m., and fireworks start at 9:30 p.m.

Willie Nelson's 4th of July Picnic is coming back to Fort Worth Stockyards this year as Willie takes the South Stage at 9:45 p.m. Attendees will enjoy other artists including Jamey Johnson, David Allan Coe, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Kris Kristofferson, Gary Allan, Randy Rogers Band and more. Concerts begin at

11:30 a.m. and go till 11 p.m. on July 4.

Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Old Fashioned Family Fireworks Picnic is one of Fort Worth's favorite traditions. Celebrate Independence Day in true patriotic fashion with thrilling marches, heartfelt military salutes and the most spectacular fireworks show in town. Show times are on July 3-4 at 8:15 p.m. at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

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Before Localeur, Spearman co-founded an experiential marketing agency, which counted ESPN X Games as a client, and led Bazaarvoice's market strategy in travel. The Capital City

African American Chamber of Commerce named him Emerging Business Leader of the Year this year. White previously co-ordinated product design for Bazaarvoice retail and brand clients for online

user-generated content programs, and earlier taught social media and entrepreneurship to students at Duke University as part of its Talent Identification Program.

Xerox offering technical minority scholarship

(BlackNews.com) Xerox's commitment to the academic success of all minority students is their motivation for offering a Technical Minority Scholarship that awards between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to qualified minorities enrolled in a technical degree program at the bachelor level or above.

To apply, students must be enrolled as a full time undergraduate or graduate student with one of the following majors: chemistry, computing & software systems, information management, material science, printing management science, laser optics, physics, material science, and engineering.

The scholarship is available to US Citizens and individuals with Permanent Resident visas. The scholarship is not available to spouses and children of Xerox employees.

For more details and to apply, visit:

www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/03/xerox-technical-minority-scholarship.html

August 9-11: New 2013 Sales Tax Holiday Dates

The Texas Legislative session included the passage of Senate Bill 485 (83rd Regular Legislative Session, 2013) which changes the dates of this year's annual Sales Tax Holiday to Aug. 9-11. This is a week earlier than

previously scheduled because the law became effective immediately.

The Sales Tax Holiday gives Texas shoppers a break from state and local sales taxes on most clothing, footwear, school supplies and

backpacks priced under \$100. Shoppers can save up to \$8.25 for every \$100 they spend.

The Sales Tax Holiday is available to any shopper, not limited to only families shopping for students.

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whom we purchase...we have enriched every racial, religious, and ethnic group on this earth except ourselves."

I am sure Claud's parents told him a hard head makes a soft behind, and he is constantly telling us the same thing, calling for us to wake up and have our dollars start making some sense by putting them to work for us rather than for everybody else.

Ghatt ended her piece by also offering some wise words: "[The Nielsen Report] should be...a call to arms to better educate ourselves on saving and growing money so that it lasts longer than one pay period."

I continue to say, "Stop the madness, folks." It's way past time that we grow up, despite what was done to us in the early years of this country; it's time we take charge of our own economic empowerment by holding on to more of that \$1 trillion a lot longer than we do at present.

This reminds me of a song I heard growing up: "The eagle flies on Friday, and Saturday I go out to play; Sunday I go to church and kneel down on my knees and pray." Yes, they call it "Stormy Monday." I wonder why.

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic em-

powerment for Black people. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and can be reached through his Web site, blackonomics.com.

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Brian DeVeaux named District 2013 Associate Principal of the Year

DALLAS—Brian DeVeaux was named Dallas ISD 2013 Associate Principal of the Year tonight during a reception and dinner at W.H. Adamson High School.

Associate principal at Seagoville High School, DeVeaux is a dedicated leader who has served within Dallas ISD for eight years. He is credited with providing continuous support to teachers and staff as they work to create an environment fit for teaching and learning.

DeVeaux' leadership skills have been key in influencing teachers to improve their classroom instruction.



Brian DeVeaux

"The science department earned the highest scores of all core content areas in 2012 state exams due to his coach-

ing and leadership," said a fellow staff member. "His actions have contributed to improving teacher quality and student achievement at Seagoville High School."

As a campus leader, DeVeaux devotes time and effort into incorporating the district's Destination 2020 plan into his everyday actions. He leads the Principal Executive Leadership Team and continuously has the team discuss the core beliefs and present scenarios in which the core beliefs can be aligned.

"I strongly feel that [the] components of Destination

2020 may be the catalyst that will produce graduates who are college and career ready," said DeVeaux.

Students as well as teachers benefit from DeVeaux' ability to unite efforts and create a common vision of excellence. His constant interaction with students allows him to serve as a positive role model. "He knows the students of our school; you will see students seek him out throughout the day wanting to share their successes and challenges with him," said a fellow staff member. "Alumni have returned to see him and share

their progress in college and work."

His influence goes beyond the school, overflowing into the community and impacting parents as well. DeVeaux leads parent and community meetings to discuss the skill set students need in order to be college and career ready.

In his efforts to improve the education for students at Seagoville High School, DeVeaux suggests increasing students' access to technology and building teacher capacity to ensure that the resources are effectively utilized. "The students of today

are technologically savvy, and we must be able to use their interest in technology to facilitate learning and prepare them for the future," said DeVeaux. "I envision students utilizing technology in authentic ways that bring the content to life during class activities."

DeVeaux was named the Associate Principal of the Year at the awards dinner at W.H. Adamson High School. The runners-up for APOY were: Dina Townsend of Thomas Jefferson High School, and Michael St. Ama of W.H. Adamson High School.

Man gets 75 years without parole for sexually abusing girl on daily basis

A 50-year-old man has been sentenced to 75 years in prison without parole for sexually abusing a young relative over a two-year period – even giving her "morning after" pills to prevent her from becoming pregnant.

Jurors deliberated 1½ hours on Wednesday before sentencing Mark Vincent Holton to 75 years in prison for continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14 – a charge that carries no possibility for parole. The jury also sentenced him to 25 years in prison on three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, 20 years in prison on five counts of sexual assault of a child, and 20 years in prison on two counts of indecency with a child. All of the sentences will run concurrently.

The jury convicted Holton of all 11 counts on Tuesday.

During the trial in state district Judge Mike Thomas' court, prosecutors Page Simpson and Dawn Ferguson presented evidence that on Nov. 5, 2011, a security officer at Northeast Mall was watching surveillance footage when he observed a middle-aged man inappropriately touch an underage girl in the mall parking lot. The inappropriate touching continued until a second security officer pulled up next to the

man's vehicle to confront him. The man quickly drove away.

The mall security team got the man's license plate number and conveyed it to the Hurst Police Department. The Department then traced it to Mark Vincent Holton, who lived in Keller.

Keller police later went to Holton's house to check on the welfare of the girl. Police launched an investigation after determining the girl, who lived with Holton, was not the age of consent.

Holton was arrested about a week later after the investigation revealed that he had been sexually abus-

ing the girl, then age 14, for more than two years. The abuse occurred daily, sometimes four or five times a day. At some point, Holton began making the girl take "morning after pills" to prevent pregnancy.

The girl testified during the trial this week that Holton told her if she kept

telling people she was being abused, she would be separated from her younger sister and sent to foster care.

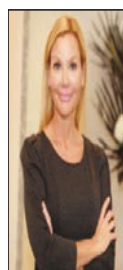
Holton testified at trial that he acted on an invitation to engage in the conduct with the underage girl. When asked if the underage girl invited him to molest her, Holton testified that he

was acting on an invitation within himself to touch her.

During the punishment phase of the trial, prosecutors presented evidence of Holton's criminal history, which included prior convictions for obstruction of a highway and driving while intoxicated.

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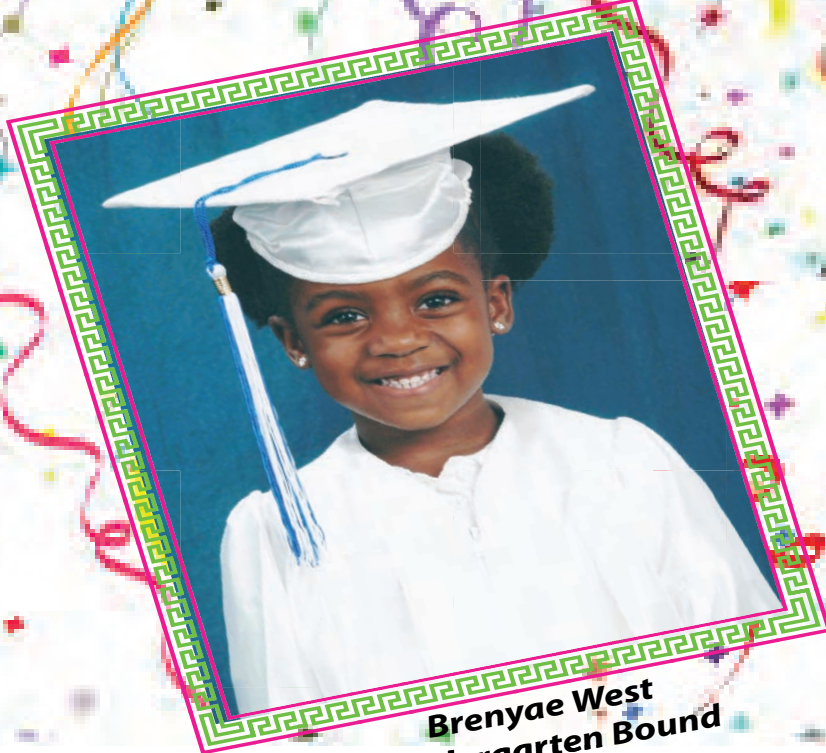


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Area students beat disease, family challenges to earn DCCCD scholarships

DALLAS — Driving, studying, talking, sleeping — the ability to do these simple tasks often is taken for granted by many people. Three college students from Carrollton, Sachse and Richardson don't. Elizabeth Shirey has learned to live with and control epilepsy and depression; she is learning to manage a bipolar disorder as well. Ruth Clason is a cancer survivor. And Ana Immerso faced a different set of challenges. She came to the United States from Argentina with her parents, only to see both her mother and father deported — leaving her to finish high school and survive with little financial help and no emotional support. Throughout their young lives, these three young women have battled disease or family issues or a series of crises — and they have won, in spite of their struggles.

At the tender age of two years, Shirey was diagnosed with epilepsy that originated in the speech and motor cortex of her brain. She has battled all of her life with poor speech, language processing and motor skills problems. Her elementary- and middle-school years included special education classes, and she had difficulty making friends with other children who, Shirey said, thought she was "retarded" because she couldn't speak properly. And she was in danger, each night, when she fell asleep because she would experience complex partial seizures when her body transitioned from wake to sleep — a time when she would turn face-down in her bed and stop breathing. Homeschooling, muscle weakness, short-term muscle paralysis in her face and mouth, uncontrolled seizures and eventually depression were part of Shirey's life for many years.

Clason knew more about pain, cancer and



(front row, L to R): Ana Immerso, 2013 Erin Tierney Kramp Encouragement Award recipient; Zulema Martinez, ETK Foundation board member; (back row, L to R) Michael Brown, DCCCD Foundation board member and ETK Foundation board chairman with ETK Foundation board members Doug Kramp and Pete Stein; ETK Award recipients Ruth Clason and Elizabeth Shirey.

chemotherapy at age seven than most adults do in middle age. But cancer has been a gift, she believes, because it instilled in her the gift of compassion and a dream to help others who face disease and similar challenges. The lymphoma she fought disappeared but unfortunately has returned; however, her desire to help sick children remains strong. Even after her parents split up, Clason learned from that experience and continued to thrive and grow at school and in her church. In addition to her classes, she held a part-time job and was enrolled in the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college readiness program. AVID gave her the tools and skills she needed to pass her Advanced Placement courses and prepare for college.

Immerso, a native of Argentina, came to the U.S. on a trip when she was young, believing that her family was going to Disney World. Instead, her parents brought her to Irving, where they both became door-to-door sales people, selling cookware. They worked hard, sometimes literally became lost as they looked for cus-

tomers' homes and even worked part time at night cleaning a movie theater to try to make ends meet. The family struggled for 12 years, and Ana had to endure being bullied at school by students who didn't like her Argentinian accent (it was different from other Mexican children in her classes). But Immerso didn't give up on her dream to go to college.

Shirey, a resident of Sachse and May graduate of Sachse High School, will take her dreams of becoming a special education teacher and eventually an occupational therapist with her this fall to Eastfield College. Clason, a June graduate of Newman Smith High School and a Carrollton resident, will start on her journey to a career in the medical profession at Brookhaven College in September. Immerso, a graduate of Richardson High School, already has started her studies at Brookhaven. These students faced monumental obstacles early in their lives, and rose to conquer those challenges through hard work and perseverance so that they could find a way to build better lives and brighter futures.

Without the help of the Dallas County Community College District and the Erin Tierney Kramp Encouragement Foundation — Shirey, Clason and Immerso would miss the chance to follow their college and career dreams.

These three DCCCD students were honored for their tenacity, courage and perseverance when they received the 2013 Erin Tierney Kramp Encouragement Scholarship Award during a special program on Wed., June 12, at a local Dallas restaurant. The event was hosted by the Erin Tierney Kramp Encouragement Foundation's board of directors and the DCCCD Foundation.

The scholarships will help Shirey, Clason and Immerso reach for their dreams with financial support provided by the Erin Tierney Kramp Encouragement Scholarship Award, which covers full tuition and books for up to four semesters. Shirey is majoring in special education; Clason is majoring in pre-medicine; and Immerso plans to pursue a degree in mathematics.

The courage and perseverance shown by these re-

cipients in the face of adversity are traits exhibited by the person for whom the award is named. Erin Tierney Kramp, who fought breast cancer from 1994 to 1998, created a videotaped legacy on "life lessons" for her young daughter that would convey Erin's views and advice to Peyton as the young girl grew up, following her mother's death. Erin touched many lives and inspired countless strangers when she co-authored Living with the End in Mind (with her husband and a family friend) and through appearances on programs like 20/20 and the Oprah Winfrey Show. Winfrey featured the Kramp story/segment as one of her "most memorable guests" during a May 2011 farewell show as the program reached its historic end. Erin's legacy lives on through the Kramp Foundation, the DCCCD scholarship program and the lives of all recipients.

"The Erin Tierney Kramp program awards scholarships to students based on their courage and perseverance in the face of adversity," said Michael Brown, president of the Erin Tierney Kramp Foundation. "We see these qualities in Ana, Elizabeth and Ruth, who bravely survived their own challenges and who plan to help others by going on to college and preparing for careers that will serve others. Their stories exemplify what our past recipients have demonstrated repeatedly through Erin's legacy. When individuals face adversity, the struggles that they endure will either make them stronger or defeat them. Winning that battle requires courage and perseverance. Elizabeth Shirey, Ana Immerso and Ruth Clason have proven they possess both traits, and they truly deserve this honor."

Shirey, who grew up with epilepsy, suffered from

periods of Todd's paralysis as a result of prolonged seizures, as well as a condition called migralepsy, in which migraine headaches trigger seizures and epilepsy triggers migraines. Eventually, her mother was forced to quit her job so that she could care for and home school her daughter — literally teaching her class work and also how to speak again after Elizabeth experienced muscle weakness in her face and mouth because of the many seizures she had suffered. In high school, the future Eastfield College student became severely depressed and even considered suicide. She was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and is receiving treatment.

Shirey's long road is less bumpy today. She finally was able to get her driver's license because she no longer has seizures that result in loss of consciousness — only sensory seizures that don't affect her daily life. She has earned a 3.59 grade point average; attends teacher tutorials; has participated as part of the Sachse High School Mustangs Marching Band for four years, as well as color guard and winter guard; and holds leadership positions on the Youth Council at her church. She was accepted as part of the Future Teacher Internship program her senior year, and she has served as a helper and teacher in the Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities at Armstrong Elementary School.

Elizabeth says, "By the grace of God, the support of my family, the love and prayers of my church and proper medication, I am blessed to be living life with a bright future as a special education teacher and occupational therapist."

Clason counts the gift of life, going to camp and hugging stuffed animals as several of her many blessings. She also was changed,

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Matthew Hydrzik stands out in *Flashdance – The Musical* at the Dallas Summer Musicals

BY RUTH FERGUSON,
NDG EDITOR

Flashdance – The Musical debuted at the Dallas Summer Musicals on Tuesday night, providing an interesting retelling of a familiar story. The show featured touchstone moments from the popular 1983 movie as well as new storylines and songs. While there were many solid performances, Matthew Hydrzik as Nick stood out.

As with the movie, dancing is at the core of the story, however the storyline itself is actually more intriguing on stage. However, in fairness to the movie – I'd give the edge to the flick for dancing. The stage production's dancing was fine but very little that actually made your spirits soar.

Jillian Mueller stars as Alex, a female welder by day, dancer by night. Life has had its ups and downs but dancing is what she desperately wants to do. She works at night at a club with three other ladies. They take pride in the fact their place is more respectable than the strip club which forces dancers to offer extra services in the backroom down the block.

In 1983, it was a little more surprising to see a fe-



male construction worker than perhaps today, not that women dominant the industry by any means. However, it remains an important storyline to the stage production because it introduces the audience to Hydrzik who is trying to desperately to be one of the guys. But that is a challenge when your grandfather owns the company and you are merely sent to the office to do the board of directors bidding.

Hydrzik has a presence onstage and a nice voice to match. When he is performing you want the scene to go on as he brings a level of authenticity missing from others in the production. Too often I sensed Mueller was thinking about her next dance steps or lines, I never believed in her performance at the same level as Hydrzik.

Flashdance – The Musical is a great choice for date night. The women will swoon over Hydrzik's romantic caring side. Boyfriends and husbands will enjoy the dancing. OK really they will enjoy the women dancing in their underwear, but if it means ladies can enjoy a lovely night at the theater, I suggest you pretend not to notice why they try to suggest it is the best play they have seen in years.

See *Flashdance – The Musical* at the Music Hall at Fair Park until July 7. Couples can escape the heat during the 4th of July week with tickets ranging in price from \$15 - \$85 at The Box Office, 5959 Preston Royal Shopping Center, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and at all Ticketmaster locations.

NDG Gossip: Is Kim Kardashian and Kanye West engaged?

BY NDG INTERN,
SHENICE SANDERS

Numerous reports have been circulating over the weekend; over whether or not Kanye West proposes to Kim Kardashian.

Kim gave birth on June 15 to daughter North West five weeks early. According to reports Kanye spared no expense when it came to his daughter and mother of his child. The couple spent days inside the Cedars Sinai Hospital in Beverly Hills after the birth and waited to receive the clear to be move to an undisclosed location.

Kanye reportedly employed a personal labour coach and spent thousands on treatment at the hospital before they left.

Days after Kim gave birth according to many sources Kanye pop the question. Rumors have indicated the 32-year-old reality star said yes and accepted a unique black and



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Kim Kardashian & Kanye West

tiger-striped diamond ring: she is rumored to already be planning a September wedding in Paris. Others reports have stated the ring is just a gift for the birth of their daughter.

Reps from both parties have not confirmed or denied the rumors, but Kim has indicated her true feel-

ing about getting married on The Today Show back in January.

"Marriage is something that we talk about, but I think it's just right now [we're] focusing on the baby," she said. "What I've learned in life is—I was always such a planner,

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Button's Summer Menu unveiled

BY RUTH FERGUSON,
NDG EDITOR

Last week popular Chef Keith "Buttons" Hicks hosted a Soul Food Month celebration media preview dinner featuring his latest culinary creations for summer. The delightful evening featured not only delicious entrée samplings, but also drinks and live jazz.

The menu for the evening featured simple but delicious appetizers such as Wedgeburg Salad and the chef's spin on Fried Green Tomatoes. Also, the flavorful Josh's Pasta was created in honor of the Chef's late brother. Entrees included Fire Grilled Chicken, Jer-

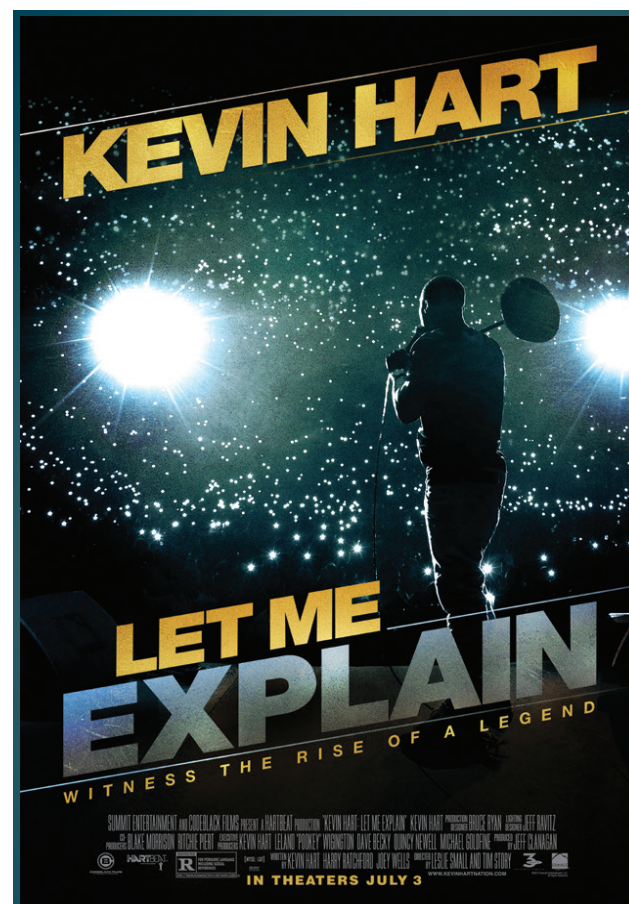


ked-Up Chicken Skewers and Oscar's Surfy Turfy.

The highlight of the evening to me was the Sweet Potato Pie served with Bananas Foster. It was an explosion of flavor in your mouth from the first

bite. I am not really a banana person so was just being polite. I'd drive across town just to order this dessert – it was that good.

Buttons has located at 15207 Addison Road in Addison.



Please note: Run-of-engagement passes are good Monday - Thursday (excluding holidays). Passes received through this promotion do not guarantee you a seat at the theatre. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and theatre is open to paying customers. All federal, state and local regulations apply. A recipient of tickets assumes any and all risks related to use of ticket, and accepts any restrictions required by ticket provider. Summit Entertainment and their affiliates accept no responsibility or liability in connection with any loss or accident incurred in connection with use of a prize. Tickets cannot be exchanged, transferred or redeemed for cash, in whole or in part. We are not responsible if, for any reason, winner is unable to use his/her ticket in whole or in part. Not responsible for lost, delayed or misdirected entries. All federal and local taxes are the responsibility of the winner. Void where prohibited by law. No purchase necessary. Participating sponsors, their employees and family members and their agencies are not eligible. No phone calls.

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Wells Fargo now offering text receipts for ATM transactions

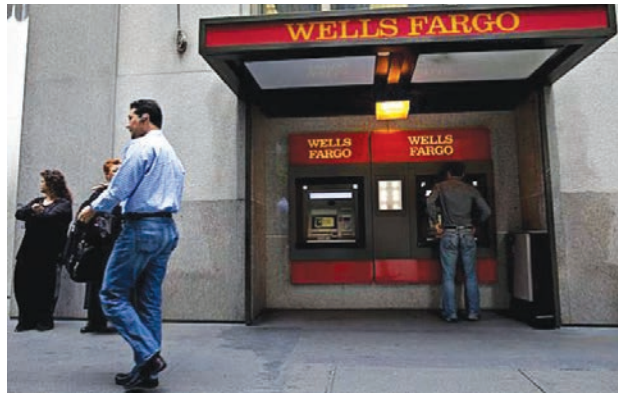
SAN FRANCISCO - Wells Fargo & Company announced Monday that in addition to its popular email or e-receipt option, it is introducing text receipts at its more than 12,000 ATMs across the country. This new service is available to all Wells Fargo Online or Mobile Banking customers who provide their mobile phone number. As the first bank to offer e-receipts to its customers at its ATMs in June 2010, Wells Fargo also is the first to introduce a text receipt option.

"We are excited to offer yet another 'green' choice and additional convenience to our customers when it comes to getting their banking done," said Alicia Moore, head of

Wells Fargo ATM Banking. "Today almost half of all receipt eligible transactions at the ATM result in customers selecting an e-receipt or not printing a receipt. Our customers tell us they appreciate the ability to reduce paper waste - text receipts just give them one more option."

Wells Fargo Online or Mobile Banking customers now have the choice to have an ATM receipt sent to their mobile phone by text, to an Online Banking inbox or to a designated personal e-mail account. They may also continue to select "Print Receipt" or "No Receipt" at the ATM.

"We seek to be environmentally minded in all we do,"



said Mary Wenzel, Wells Fargo head of Environmental Affairs. "We're offering more options to our customers to reduce waste and preserve resources where we can."

Text receipts offer customers a convenient option to

keep track of their transaction receipts. When at a Wells Fargo ATM, customers can select "Text Receipt" on the receipt selection screen. Text receipts are sent within minutes. Customers will receive a text from Wells Fargo noting that it

is a "Wells Fargo ATM receipt" which will include a description of the transaction, which account was used, available balance for the account, the time and date of the transaction and the identification number of the ATM. If a customer wants to provide or update their mobile phone number with Wells Fargo they can:

- Talk with a banker at any Wells Fargo store across the country.

- Log into Wellsfargo.com, click on the "Account Services" tab, and select "Update Contact Information."

- Call the Wells Fargo Online customer service line at 1-800-956-4442.

- Call the Wells Fargo

Phone Bank at 1-800-TO-WELLS.

Text receipts for ATM transactions mark the latest way for Wells Fargo Mobile Banking customers to get a snapshot of their account information via text messages. Wells Fargo launched Text Banking in October 2007 to provide customers the access and convenience of using text messages to manage their accounts. Since then, Wells Fargo has continued to deliver text-related innovations such as the ability to instantly transfer funds on demand between eligible accounts and to transfer funds to or from an account based on preset balance alerts.

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taught and touched by patients with cancer - which she believes has given her compassion and a desire to help others. She came to the U.S. at the age of three, and her family struggled. She was diagnosed with lymphoma at age seven and underwent many rounds of chemotherapy as she battled pain and the cancer that tried to claim her. Now she wants to work with children who face the same medical battles that she did.

A job, school and community service have become an integral part of Clason's life; those experiences will follow her to Brookhaven College. She describes her life fighting cancer this way: "Life is like a coal mine. It is dangerous and dark, and it can all come crumbling down in an instant, but the reward that waits ahead is amazing. Jewels and precious rocks are all found in dangerous places, and that is life for me."

Immerso watched her parents work hard at several jobs to support the family and establish a new life in the U.S. After her father was deported, her mother worked two, sometimes three jobs so that they could get a small apartment in Richardson where Ana could be close to school. And then her mother was deported, too. Immerso faced a tough decision: return to Argentina so that she could be with her parents, or remain in Texas to finish school and live in America.

Ana decided to stay in Richardson and now lives with a family in that area. She wants to be on her own as soon as possible, and her parents continue to send a small amount of money to help her. Earning a 3.77 GPA, Ana is involved in the Student Government Association at Brookhaven and the Student Leadership Institute. "My parents and I struggled for 12 years but never gave up pursuing a better life," says Ana. "My parents always taught me to be strong, that I could do anything and that I should never give up."

Four additional students will receive one-time Erin Tierney Kramp Scholarship grants that they can use toward school expenses. They are: Adaeze Paul of Flower Mound, who plans to attend Brookhaven College and major in pharmacy; Brianna Hogg of Dallas, who will en-

roll at El Centro College and major in marketing; Rachal Hernandez of Euless, who will attend North Lake College and major in nursing; and Tania Glavey, a resident of Irving who also will enroll at North Lake College and major in business.



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a.m. FREE info@griotstoryteller.com 214-374-1192

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North Dallas Community Baptist Church at 11 a.m. is celebrating Pastor & Wife 13th Anniversary and also the 13th Church Anniversary. Church is located at 1718 Trinity Valley Drive in Carrollton ndcbbc.org

4th of July Celebration in Arlington at Arlington Community Band, Info: 817-467-0158

Concerts in the Garden: Moonlight and Mozart at Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Info: <http://www.fwsymphony.org/concerts/concerts.asp?concert=307>

July 1

Deep Ellum Outdoor Market at 2800 block of Main St, Info: <http://deepellummarket.com/>

July 2

Concerts at the Arboretum: Havana NRG at Dallas Arboretum, Info: <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/concerts/>

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center, Info: http://www.dallaslasttheatercenter.org/show_details.php?sid=58

July 3

2013 Addison Kaboom Town at Addison Circle Park, Info: <http://www.addisontexas.net/events/kaboom-town/>

Framers Branch Independence Day Celebration at Farmers Branch Historical Park. Info: <http://farmersbranch.info/play/special-events>

July 6

Color MOB 5k at Fair Park Dallas, Info: <http://color-mob5k.com/>

The Dinner Detective Dallas at Embassy Suites Dallas Market Center, Info: <http://www.thedinnerdetective.com/sites/dallas/location/>

Wylie Jubilee-Bluegrass on Ballard at Downtown Wylie, Info: <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/>

Addison Summer Series: July Jazz at Beckert Park, Info: 800-233-4766

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The average club level cost for RFC is \$1,210 which includes everything.

RFC has hired Kevin Fisher to coach the U11/U12 girls teams for the next two years. Fisher has over 12 years of coaching

and holds a State D license. He comes to RFC from FC Dallas and the Sting organization previously. Fisher is holding open training sessions for girls interested in RFC.

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and...you think your life is going to be a certain way, and the best surprises just happen when you don't plan."

Kim's very famous marriage to Kris Humphries lasted just 72 days and the divorce was finalized June 3. Now that Kim is a free

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licenses in the United States today. As a result of media consolidation, 90 percent of all we see, hear or read comes from a handful of privately owned corporations. Radio stations are the easiest point of entry upon which to build multi-media centers that could include radio broadcast and internet streams, newspapers, public access TV, interactive web sites, and mobile media, as well as community wireless mediums.

Radio is inexpensive to produce, free to consume, and the cost of launching a low power station is usually well within the reach of many community groups. The licenses for low-power FM radio stations which will be made available as a result of the Local Community Radio Act to local groups, including

NAACP branches and units, unions, schools, churches, and non-profit groups with an educational mission offer us a tremendous opportunity to not only make our voices heard, but also to offer educational services to our communities. If we take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we may have a whole new powerful venue for getting the word out about NAACP events such as membership drives, voter registration drives, and Freedom Fund dinners. Control of the airwaves will also enable us to talk about issues important to us, and play music that we want to hear.

Applications for these radio spectrums are available at the FCC website, www.fcc.gov. While the application for a low power FM

radio license is free, there can be fees associated with the start-up of a radio station, which can vary from \$10,000 to \$30,000; the on-going costs can also vary, but are usually approximately \$3,000 per year.

The NAACP is partnering with the Pro-metheus Radio group, which has more information about how you can get started or how you can find like-minded groups in your area to help fill some of the programming. You can find

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With a focus on scholarship, Alpha Phi Alpha will also host the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant. This year, contestants from the University of Georgia, Penn State,

Central State and Southern Universities will compete on Thursday, June 27, for scholarship prizes and the 2013 Miss Black and Gold crown.

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mission meetings will be taking place as usual. The July 1 and July 15 meetings will not be live on PTN. However, those meetings will be available in their entirety via online video clips after the meeting in the on-demand programming on planotv.org.

PTN airs news and information about Plano city services and community events and activities on Time Warner 16 and Verizon Fios 30, and is expected to be off the air sometime between June 25 and July 21. Programming will resume Monday, July 22 with the scheduled regular City Council Meeting.

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June 29, 9 a.m.

All men are invited to come to our Men's Ministry Fellowship to learn more about God.

July 3, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word; and bring your children to our Children's Program; three things are incorporated when they come, children learn and they play and have fun.

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You're invited to our Worship Services as we praise God for the victories in our lives. Come and grow with us. You're also invited to a new series of teaching, "Guaranteed Victory". God will "Equip, Elevate, and Empower" you; call the church for details.

July 3, 7 p.m.

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July 3, 7 p.m.

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June 30, 7:30 a.m.

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July 1, 7 p.m.

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June 30, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Sunday School with Elder/Superintendent Greg Mas-on; 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.

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Husband and Wife luncheon scheduled for July 27

Victory Covenant Community Ministries and Apostle Roy T Prophetess Daisy Bell are hosting A Husband and Wife Tiffany Luncheon. The event is on July 27 start-

ing at noon. The luncheon is at Center for Community Cooperation located at 2900 Live Oak in Dallas.

Guests are invited to dress to impress. The tickets

are \$30 per couple and must be purchased in advance by July 1. For more information and registration contact Prophetess Brenda Armstead at 214-780-6529.

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ternoon Drive News Anchor Chris Howellemceed the event.

"It is an honor and a joy to share in this pastor appreciation luncheon," says Stephen Brown, lead pastor of Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church in east Dallas. "Thank you Methodist for all you have done in the community."

Dr. Ouida F. Lee, senior pastor of Church of the Disciple in DeSoto, congratulated Methodist on it's continuous work in the community. "I've served many of my members at Methodist Charlton," says Pastor Lee. "I'm very thankful for the ways in which



Tiffini Hall with Christ Arts Ministries sang at the luncheon.

Methodist continues to reach out to the community and make a difference. May Methodist continue to be a blessing to each of us."

Mountain Creek Church Pastor Robert Summers says he knows there are very godly

doctors and nurses at the hospital. "Thanks God for Methodist Charlton," he says.

Previous guest speakers for this inspirational and distinctive annual event include legendary pastor, prolific author, speaker, award-winning leader and visionary Bishop T. D. Jakes; Dr. Rickie G. Rush, pastor and organizer of The Inspiring Body of Christ Worldwide Ministries; Pastor Tony Evans, senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church; and Dr. Clara M. Reed, district superintendent, North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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An unknown author once said of the Bible: **The Bible**, "Contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its

doctrine is Holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable." "Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be Holy."

The Bible contains, "Light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, and the soldier's sword." In The Bible, "Paradise is restored, Heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its main object, and the glory of God is its end."

The Bible should, "Fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet." "It is a source of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of joy."

The Bible "Is given to you in life, it will be opened at the judgment and it will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities; it will reward the greatest labor; and it will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."

Beware of Unusual Situations -- Have you ever wondered why something unusual happened in your daily life? It's often a sign that God is up to something. Because God speaks in quiet tones, as Christians we must have a heightened sense of awareness of what God may want to do in these unusual circumstances.

At times God may cause you to have a flat tire to delay you just to put someone in your path to hear His Word; He may cause you to sit next to an individual that needs your prayers about something that has them perplexed and through you He gives them the answer that they have been seeking.

I have heard a member say that the church pastor must have discussed their situation with the visiting evangelist because his message fit their situation too good not to know what was going on in their life at the time. They just knew that what they had shared with the pastor, he had told the

evangelist, however, the pastor did not discuss their business; the situation was that in church they were quietly listening to the evangelist and God had sent their answer through the him.

Take heed, you can be sure that God is raising the spiritual bar for Christians who will listen and want to impact the world for Christ today. He wants to break through into people's lives supernaturally by giving Christians insights into the needs of people in order to bring them to Christ who can take care of their needs.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. **Ephesians 3:20 & 21**

I love and I am inspired by all of the Words of God, but the aforementioned book and verses are my favorite; I receive much com-



Men in Sister Tarpley's Life, back row Bill Lott, front (L to R): David Lott, Deven Tarpley, Philip Lott and Jarrell Tarpley

fort from them, may they encourage you as much as they reassure and motivate me.

There will be situations that you will find yourself in that are open doors for bring Christ into the circumstance. In fact, He is the one orchestrating the incident!

The next time an unusual situation develops, be aware that God may be creating such a circumstance to bring His glory into the situation. Sacrifice some of your time and take a few moments to offer help and pray for the individual. Beware of the opportunity of unusual situations.

VOUCHER, continued from Page 4

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BY TERRI
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Your mother loves to reminisce.

"Remember when..." she says before launching into some often-embarrassing story about something that happened years ago. "Remember when," two words that make you scramble to recall whatever she's talking about.

Sometimes, though, you can't remember when. Her stories are familiar - but they aren't, and you almost won-

The Ocean at the End of the Lane is a book you will remember

der if they ever really happened. Likewise, in the new novel, *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman, a middle-aged man on his way to a funeral learns that Memory Lane has a dead-end.

He hadn't meant to drive there.

He hadn't really even known what he was looking for - nothing, probably, other than to see what had changed in his old neighborhood. It would be a nice departure from funeral conversation, a head-clearing side-trip, but he somehow ended up at Hempstock Farm. Up 'til then, he'd nearly forgotten about the place.

As he walked down to the farm's pond, memories



came flooding back to him.

Lettie Hempstock (he hadn't thought about her in years!) had once told him that the pond was really an ocean, and he'd believed her. He was seven years old that summer; she was eleven and

she promised that she would keep him safe.

But, of course, she couldn't.

It wasn't her fault that he'd insisted on going with her to the back of her Grandmother's property, where the wind howled and a gray thing spoke to Lettie in a most improper manner. It wasn't her fault, either, that the gray thing threw something to him and he caught it, even though Lettie made him promise to hold her hand tight.

He never blamed anyone but himself for the appearance of Ursula Monkton.

When his mother found a job, Ursula Monkton moved into his old room. Ursula Monkton was supposedly a

housekeeper-babysitter, but she wasn't the nice girl his parents thought she was. She was evil, she knew all his thoughts and plans, and she terrified him. But Lettie would know what to do about that.

Lettie Hampton always knew...

Misty. That was the first word that comes to mind as I reflect on reading "The Ocean at the End of the Lane." The narrator of this short novel seems to be oddly peering at the past through doddering confusion, as if something's foggily off-center but he can't exactly determine what it might be.

Odder still is that author Neil Gaiman doesn't turn

up the heat anytime quick - which is, I think, where the brilliance of this book lies. No, Gaiman lets his narrator share his memories with curious incredulousness and incredible calm. That allows the story to wash over readers, to overwhelm us slowly and deliciously. We're invited into the mist, too, and it's a squirming thing.

For readers new to this author, consider this: if Ray Bradbury and Shirley Jackson had a love-child, it would be Neil Gaiman. If you're a fan, you know that already - and you know that "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" is a book you'll remember.

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Call them a racist. Few things end debate or in the least stifle debate then calling your opponent a racist. The liberal TV host Chris Mathews makes a living off of it. Mathews recently said of the conservative senator Ted Cruz of Texas.

"This guy goes pretty far, but I think he fits in the tradition of Father Coughlin, and [Joe] McCarthy, and of course, and maybe to a lesser extent, Pat Buchanan, and [Bill] O'Reilly. These guys are hard right-wing guys, they look a lot alike — they

have what we call the 'black Irish look' to them — they don't smile much." Really? What if a white conservative made a statement like "they all look alike"? The liberal left, headed by black overseers has effectively shut down many white voters voices. Many whites have failed to criticize the president in fear of being called a racist. This is a fact, because many of my listeners have privately shared this very concern with me.

This whole lie by the liberal Black Democrats is

built on a fragile belief that black people are too stupid to figure it out or perhaps too lazy to care. I believe they are wrong on both accounts. It is time we as black people tell these free loading, empty suited, black power waving mental dwarfs that we are FREE MEN and free men think, work for a decent wage, care about our children's education, oppose the murder of our family via abortion and fundamentally believe that government is the servant and not master.

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represent the end of our efforts to end voting discrimination. I am calling on Congress to pass legislation to ensure every American has equal access to the polls. My Administration will continue to do everything in its power to ensure a fair and equal voting process."

Rep. Marc Veasey also issued a statement: "Today, the Supreme Court decided to strike down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, ruling that the current formula is outdated. Although I am relieved that Section 5 remains, it cannot function without Section 4. I am disappointed in this decision and I agree with the dissent that the majority is using

the Voting Right's Act's own success as a justification to strike it down. I will work with my colleagues to act quickly to create a new formula by which to determine which jurisdictions should be subject to the preclearance provisions of Section 5. As my home state of

Texas proved in the redistricting process in 2011, many of our elected officials unfortunately still cannot be trusted to protect minority voting rights. We need Section 5 of the VRA to ensure that minorities continue to have the right to elect the candidate of their choice."

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