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Mayor Rawlings launches new 311 app

Dallas – Calling on residents to become “311 ambassadors,” Mayor Mike Rawlings today launched a new app that will allow residents to easily submit and track service requests from their smartphones.

The City receives more than 378,000 service requests annually with 40,000 submitted online. Back in 1994 Dal-



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las was the second city in the nation, only after Baltimore,

to implement the 311 number as a connection point to City Hall. In 2003 residents were able to submit service requests via the City's website. Today, residents can report service requests on the go, from their smartphone. The new Dallas 311 app will be available on Apple iPhone and Android platforms and can be downloaded for free by searching

for Dallas 311 in the Apple iTunes App Store and the Google Play Store.

“The Dallas 311 app complements our Grow South Initiative and will allow residents to become proactive 311 ambassadors promoting a culture of clean throughout our city,” Mayor Rawlings said. “Using the app and their Smartphones,

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Presbyterian building first ever hospice care facility in Dallas

DALLAS – Presbyterian Communities and Services has selected PRDG Architects to design and build the new \$54 million, 100,000+ square-foot T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center that will complement the orga-



nization's Faith Presbyterian Hospice, the largest not-for-profit hospice care provider in Dallas. PRDG will partner with Ila Burdette of Make3 Architecture in Atlanta to design the area's first stand-alone hospice facility.

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Psychological abuse is the first warning: Run, get out

BY DEE LOUIS-SCOTT (NNPA) Psychological abuse can be as damaging to the psyche as physical abuse can be to the body, yet little is written about this common problem, which is typically the precursor to physical abuse. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV),

95 percent of men who physically abuse their intimate partners also psychologically abuse them.

Psychological abuse consists of impairing the mental life and impeding mental development. It creates distorted beliefs, taught by the abuser, about the world. Those beliefs become ingrained in the vic-

tim's mind and can interfere with the flexibility that needed to constantly assess the environment and respond appropriately. Knowing the signs of psychological abuse may save women from the physical abuse that so often follows.

I experienced psychological abuse through the eyes of a

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Abraham Lincoln

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Chad Johnson finally scored a Job

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COMMENTARY

Yes, \$15 an Hour

BY WILLIAM SPRIGGS

On Aug. 29, across the country, thousands of workers in low-paying jobs stood up to demand \$15 an hour. Most were at fast-food restaurants. There are many people who support the need for these workers to be paid more. They understand the unfairness of multinational corporations profiting on the wages of low-wage work. And, this past Monday on Labor Day, they probably reflected on the value of

work and honoring the people who literally built this country.

To many people it is almost obscene that the CEO of McDonald's, for instance, gets a compensation package worth \$13.8 million a year; a giant raise from his 2011 pay of \$4.1 million, a pay level that equals 915 full-time, full-year minimum wage workers at McDonald's. If pay truly reflected the productivity of workers, then presumably if 915 McDon-

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Dr. Renee Hornbuckle



Ivana Hall



Georgette "Gigi" Dixon

In August over 35,000 visited NorthDallasGazette.com - news added daily!

Dr. Renee Hornbuckle

The United Methodist Women's Unit of the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church will present a panel discussion featuring Dr. Renee Hornbuckle, Senior Pastor, Agape Christian Fellowship in Arlington on Saturday, Sept. 28 10 a.m. - 12 noon. The panel will also feature Vanessa Vaughter, LMSW, M. Div., Teen Dating Violence Prevention Counselor at Hope's Door, Women's shelter in Plano.

Domestic violence is occurring at an alarming rate.

Every nine seconds in the United

States a woman is assaulted or beaten. Nearly 1 in 5 teenagers girls who have been in a relationship said a boyfriend threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a break up. This panel discussion will present two points. Vaughter will discuss the reasons why this violence is increasing, how to recognize the signals that one is with an abusive partner before it happens, and what to do if it happens.

Dr. Hornbuckle currently serves as Senior Pastor of Agape Christian Fellowship, in

Arlington, which she helped to establish in 1991. She holds a Bachelors of Arts in

Business Administration, a Masters of Biblical Studies and a Doctorate in Religious

Philosophy. She has been an instructor and faculty board member for The Potter's House God's Leading Ladies Enrichment Program hosted by Bishop T.D. Jakes.



In addition, Dr. Hornbuckle hosts the annual Women of Influence Personal Development

Conference each year and is the author of several books and manuals such as the daily devotional *Power for This Day*, *The Power Of Healthy Esteem*, *The Power of Passion*, *Petals*, *Principles and Promises* and *If It Pleases the King (A Manual To Train Your Ministry In Hospitality)*. Dr. Hornbuckle also hosts an internet show, Real Living with Renee - and Agape Live! both air on www.LifeStream.TV.

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Ivana Hall

DALLAS - Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center at Dallas will host its annual Sole Sister event on Saturday, October 5, from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Tower Club Dallas.

The event will feature spa treatments, group workout classes, health & beauty consultations, and special guest host Miss Texas, Ivana Hall. An interactive question-and-answer panel will be the highlight of the event, as Baylor medical professionals will provide their expertise and take questions from the audience.

Miss Texas Ivana Hall is a government and political science major at Texas Women's University. When she first started her college career, both of her parents were laid off from their jobs and she had to provide funding for her education. Through working part time, financial aid and scholarships through the Miss America Organization, she has been able to pursue her educational goals.

Guests are invited to grab a friend for the educational health & beauty boot camp.



Come check out the latest trends in health, fitness and beauty while learning about these cancers that affect women. Group yoga and Zumba workouts will be a highlight at this event.

The panelists at the annual Sole Sisters event will include:

- Claudia Harsh, MD, integrative gynecologist and physician acupuncturist on staff with the Integrative Medicine Program at Baylor Sammons Cancer Center

- Carolyn Garby, MS, CGC, clinical genetic counselor at Baylor Sammons Cancer Center

"We're hoping to equip women in the Dallas-Fort Worth area with resources to take a proactive stance on their health," said Jennifer Williams, community outreach coordinator at Baylor Sammons Cancer Center at Dallas. "Our mission is to create a sisterhood of strength and accountability in the fight against breast and ovarian cancer through health education and fitness."

Registration is \$10 and proceeds will benefit the Healing Arts Program at Baylor Sammons Cancer Center at Dallas. Space is limited. To RSVP, call 1-800-4BAYLOR.

Georgette "Gigi" Dixon

(BLACK PR WIRE) - Wells Fargo recently partici-

future leaders. Wells Fargo leaders were also on the



Wells Fargo Senior Vice President and Director of National Partnerships, Georgette "Gigi" Dixon motivates the crowd with remarks at the Drum Majors for Justice Future Leaders Celebration presented by National Urban League (Photo courtesy of Chris Carter Norseman Photography ©)

pated in the 50th anniversary celebration for the March on Washington in Washington, D.C. Wells Fargo joined national partners NAACP and National Urban League with support for panel discussions and events in celebration of

ground marching along with the nation during the 50th Anniversary March on Washington Realize the Dream Rally and March.

Through its long-standing partnerships with NAACP and NUL, Wells Fargo

is able to play a part in upholding the legacy of the countless civil rights leaders who have opened the door for civil rights based on gender, ethnicity, religion, disability and sexual orientation.

The March on Washington anniversary represents one of several significant milestones in American history of which Wells Fargo is supporting. During Black History Month, Wells Fargo kicked off a yearlong celebratory campaign featuring the Kinsey Collection in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Wells Fargo also supported commemorative events across the country in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement.

Wells Fargo recognizes these milestones not only because of the impact on African Americans, but as

defining moments in American history.

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ald's workers went on strike, he would be able to fill in and do their work.

Still, understanding that the price of the hamburger was probably much more affected by giving the CEO a \$9 million raise than the meager demands of the people serving them their food, many people scratched their heads at the notion the workers' wages could be set at \$15 an hour; a level they now equate with more "skilled" workers. This reflects the breakdown in our nation's understanding of the value of work and the productivity of America's workers. So, it is important to give an understanding of \$15 an hour and why it is necessary for us to embrace this movement.

The day before the strike, Aug. 28, the nation paused to recall the 50th anniversary of the March for Jobs and Freedom in Washington. It was a big celebration that masked the divisions of the country at that time and surrounded the movement to gain dignity for Americans held in the shadows from the light of America's middle-class freedoms. We will, no doubt, see smaller notice given to the bombing that followed weeks later in the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth's church in Birmingham that killed four little girls. Nor should we should forget the final endgame of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s journey for justice five years after the march, when he was assassinated in Memphis continuing his struggle for dignity and freedom for sanitation workers.

In 1966, in line with the demands of the March for Jobs and Freedom, the minimum wage was increased and its coverage extended to include certain state and local government employees; those who worked in hospitals, nursing homes and schools. It did not include sanitation workers. But, it did boost the minimum wage to \$1.60 an hour in 1968. The Center for Economic Research and Policy has compared that minimum wage to changes in wages, prices and productivity to

put it in context. Adjusting for inflation, today that would be \$10.52 an hour.

In 1968, 40 percent of the sanitation workers in Memphis qualified for welfare payments because their wages were too low to pull their families out of poverty. Reflecting on that, Dr. King was moved to give the ultimate Labor Day sentiment:

If you will judge anything here in this struggle, you're commanding that this city will respect the dignity of labor. So often we overlook the worth and significance of those who are not in professional jobs, or those who are not in the so-called big jobs. But let me say to you tonight, that whenever you are engaged in work that serves humanity, and is for the building of humanity, it has dignity, and it has worth. One day our society must come to see this. One day our society will come to respect the sanitation worker if it is to survive....

You are doing another thing. You are reminding, not only Memphis, but the nation that it is a crime for people to live in this rich nation and receive starvation wages....

Do you know that most of the poor people in our country are working every day? They are making wages so low that they cannot begin to function in the mainstream of the economic life of our nation. These are facts which must be seen. And it is criminal to have people working on a full-time basis and a full-time job getting part-time income.

We have, as a nation, moved a long distance from those words. Instead, we have come to accept low wages, and there are many who argue that if we are concerned with the poor, then we should simply subsidize low wages; in short, put working people on welfare as was the case in Memphis in 1968. They want to ignore Dr. King and undo the success of that strike. A strike that pulled together the labor movement, the NAACP, Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Memphis black community; much as the coming

AFL-CIO Convention in Los Angeles will bring together today's allies of decent work.

But subsidizing low wages is inefficient. It actually subsidizes what low-wage companies produce. When employers pay wages too low to support workers, it is society that then must pay for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program so the workers can eat, and housing assistance so they have a roof over their heads, child care block grants so someone can watch over their children, Medicaid so they have access to health care and grant them tax relief with Earned Income Tax Credits to prevent the government from further impoverishing them. That means we are subsidizing many billion-dollar multinational corporations; a weird form of corporate welfare.

General subsidies are inefficient, because it means we will artificially lower the price of those goods, making them cheap to rich and poor alike. It lacks targeting. Further, it can lead to favoring low-wage industries that may not produce outcomes society values so high. Many people believe that the American diet of fatty fast foods has made us a nation that is obese and is contributing to new projections that our children will lead shorter - not longer - lives. If there are goods we think would be priced too high for segments of the economy if workers' earned decent wages, then the most efficient thing is to subsidize those individuals who would be priced out of the market; as might be the decision of society with child care or the care of the elderly, two industries where the median wage is less than \$10 an hour.

It makes far more sense that these huge corporations pay wages that reflect the productivity of their workers. Since the late 1970s, America has gone on a crooked path. The productivity of America's workers has gone up, but the pay of America's workers has gone flat. That difference, be-

tween what Americans can produce and what Americans earn creates a gaping problem: if people can't buy what is being made, then increasing their productivity can only lead to lower levels of employment. From 1980 to 2007, the solution was to let workers borrow enough money to make up for that gap, so demand would meet the rise in productivity and we could keep employment up.

Obviously, such a scheme falls under Herb Stein's Law, "If something cannot go on forever, it will stop." And in 2008, the notion that household debt could rise, with incomes staying flat, to fill the gap came to a stop. Now, we must return to paying workers for their productivity to fill the gap between increased productivity and earnings.

So, reminded of the moral call from Dr. King, and the basic economics of ECON 101, we come to the current situation. Even if we believed that low-wage workers have not kept up with average productivity advances-note that a McDonald's worker today produces far more sales per square foot and hour than a McDonald's worker in 1968-and we set the minimum wage to reflect only half the gain in average productivity since 1968, then today the minimum wage would have to be \$15.34 an hour. So the worker serving you food at that wage would not themselves need help with food stamps to buy food. And, more importantly, we would be moving back toward paying workers so they can afford to buy the goods coming from increased productivity, rather than getting rid of workers when productivity goes up for the lack of buyers.

There should be a related clause to Stein's law that "if something is common sense, eventually it will be common."

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Plano Family YMCA, Scouting organizations offer free Funtastic Fair Sept 15

Families are invited to discover the adventures that await through youth organizations serving the Plano area. Drop by the "Funtastic Fair" on Sunday, Sept. 15, anytime between 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Heritage Farmstead Museum, 1900 W. 15th Street in Plano. This free event will introduce families to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the YMCA youth programs. Visitors

can explore the museum and enjoy bounce houses, crafts, games, leatherworking, refreshments and more. Bring the whole family.

Questions? Contact organizers Karen Thunert at karen.thunert@scouting.org (Cub/Boy Scouts), Brenda Gomes at bgomes@gsnetx.org (Girl Scouts) or Jason Killough at jkillough@ymcadallas.org (YMCA).

Dallas Lawyers host free LegalLine Sept. 18

Volunteer attorneys will answer legal questions at no cost from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, via LegalLine, a call-in program sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association.

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

port matters, to wills, insurance, employment and criminal law matters.

Residents needing assistance should call LegalLine at (214) 220-7476 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, or Wednesday, September 18.

Individuals may also receive referrals to local, legal, or social service agencies. LegalLine volunteer attorneys typically answer between 50 and 90 calls each night.

City of McKinney earns three national Savvy awards

MCKINNEY, TEXAS – The City of McKinney Communications and Marketing Department was honored with

three awards at the national Savvy awards competition last week during the annual confer-

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Curtis Report
by Barry Curtis

The president of the United States is attempting to make a case to support his bombing of Syria. This administration has called the Bashar al-Assad regime in Syria a nest of murderous leaders. This may indeed be the appropriate words to make the case for him being a dictator but it doesn't provide a rational argument for war.

Here are the facts that most agree with. On or about August 21, 2013 a town near eastern Damascus was attacked by what was clearly a chemical weapon of some sort. The result of that attack left an estimated 1,300 people dead (the numbers vary) including over 400 children. Both sides deny the use of these weapons and both sides blame the other.

The combatants on the ground are a murky mix of terrorist, Islamic radicals, and proxy armies on one side and the murderous butchers of Assad's army on the other side. There may be some legitimate elements of the Assad resistance that are actually wanting a free country based on what we in the west define as free, but they are few and far between. There are no good guys in this conflict.

This presidents attempt

Wars and rumors of wars

to involve the United States in this conflict is not only flawed but it is fraudulent and deceptive. It is not based on the long held American military and diplomatic positions. It is based on an amateurish, self-centered approach to foreign policy.

The American military and former presidents have held to a long stated position by our government as it relates to the use of force. They are clear and specific;

1. The use of military force can only take place if the United States is under the threat of eminent danger. That's if some nation, group or organization is clearly about to attack the United States or its interest here or abroad.

2. The use of military force can take place if the vital interest of the United States is threatened here or abroad.

Mr. President where does Syria fit in this? How could the use of chemical weapons by the Assad regime as horrid as it may be warrant the use of force based on this long held American policy?

Any attempt by this administration to lead us to war outside the scope of these points will be fraudulent, illegal and a violation of our constitutional principles.

What we have witnessed from this white house is gross negligence and incompetence. Here is what the

president said last year about the potential use of chemical weapons by the Syrians.

Last year the president said; "red line" that "would change my calculus"... "Would change my equation". Last week the president back away from those comments in fact denying he brought up the red line comments. Stating, "I didn't set a red line in Syria....The world set a red line when governments representing 98 percent of the world's population said the use of chemical weapons are abhorrent and passed a [1993] treaty forbidding their use even when countries are engaged in war."

That is flawed reasoning; first the world is not with you Mr. President. Our closest ally, the British have even rejected any involvement in the Syrian civil war. Second the Syrians are not a signature of the chemical weapons ban treaty. How do they violate an agreement that they never signed?

Our military should be used to inflict a devastating

and lethal blow to our enemies not to prove a point. The military is there for shock and awe, not show and tell.

This administration needs a comprehensive foreign policy that includes the cooperation of our allies in the region, building economic and diplomatic relationships that serve our interest and a strong permanent military presence where needed.

Syria is not worthy of Americas direct military involvement. The president has further demonstrated his fraudulent thinking by concluding that he has the power to act without congress, yet he has decided to go to congress for authorization anyhow? I don't think he will be happy with the results.

This continued amateur hour in the white house is surrounded with folly. He knows as we do that we have no national interest in Syria's civil war. This reasoning is dangerous; it is being crafted as an act of necessity by

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TSLAC Awards \$1.6 Million in Texas Library Grants for FY2014

AUSTIN – A project to engage middle school youth through an after-school “makerspace” and a plan to preserve an extensive film festival video and audio collection are among the dazzling array of proposals approved recently by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Agency commissioners approved 70 library grant awards totaling \$1.6 million for numerous Texas libraries, institutions of higher education, and related nonprofit organizations.

The commission awards library grants annually through its Texas Reads, Impact, TexTreasures, Library Cooperation, and Special Projects grant programs. All are funded by the federal Library Services and Technology Act via the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C. The grant period for State Fiscal Year 2014 runs from September 1, 2013, to August 31, 2014.

“These grants will help improve library programs and services in communities and institutions all over Texas,” said TSLAC Interim Director and Librarian Edward Seidenberg. “These federal dollars augment local funds and help local libraries fulfill their roles as valuable community resources.”

Several of the awards will fund digitization, community reading, and family and early childhood literacy projects; others will enhance access to information and services. For detailed descriptions of the funded programs and projects, visit: <http://bit.ly/libgrants2014>

The awards include:

- A \$2,200 Texas Reads Grant to the Rita and Truett Smith Public Library (Wylie, TX) for the Wylie Poetry Festival: The public library will plan and implement a Poetry Festival in April 2014. The festival will include workshops for tweens (grades 3-5), teens (grades 6-12) and adults (ages 18 and up). The workshops will be led by Texas Poet Laureates and other published poets.
- A \$75,000 Library Cooperation Grant to the University of North Texas – Denton for Inquiry 4 Lifelong Learning (DI4LL): A collaborative organization of librarians serving school, public, and academic libraries, the Denton Inquiry 4 Lifelong Learning (DI4LL, pronounced “DI-LL”), will focus on increasing the information literacy skills of pre-kindergarten through graduate school learners by implementing a spiral information literacy curriculum in the region.

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child — part of the stories I share in “Believe in the Magic: Let the Tenacity of Mattie Fisher Inspire You,” (www.mattiefisher.com), the story of my mother’s remarkable journey.

I watched as my father systematically and maliciously attempted to drive my mother crazy. He would constantly move car keys and other items from the places she normally kept them. He would then pretend to find them in odd places, like the refrigerator. After playing the hero for a month or so, my father would start insulting my mom with degrading remarks.

After months of psychological warfare, with her mental state sufficiently weakened, my father would begin the physical abuse. For the rest of her life, my mother was inconsolable and shaky whenever something went missing.

Signs of psychological abuse include:

- Your partner uses finances to control you.
- He often threatens to leave.
- She seeks to intimidate using looks, gestures or actions.
- He smashes things.
- Your partner seeks to control you by minimizing, denying and blaming
- He makes light of the abuse and does not take your concerns about it seriously.
- You are continually criticized, called names and/or shouted at.
- She emotionally degrades you in private, but acts charming in public.
- He humiliates you in private or public.
- They withhold approval, appreciation or affection as punishment.

Effects of psychological abuse on the victim, from the

Center for Relationship Abuse Awareness:

- A distrust of his or her own spontaneity
- A loss of enthusiasm
- An uncertainty about how she is coming across
- A concern that something is wrong with him
- An inclination to reviewing incidents with the hopes of determining what went wrong
- A loss of self-confidence
- A growing self-doubt
- An internalized critical voice
- A concern that she isn’t happier and ought to be
- An anxiety or fear of being crazy
- A sense that time is passing and he’s missing something
- A desire not to be the way she is, e.g. “too sensitive,” etc.
- A hesitancy to accept her perceptions
- A reluctance to come to conclusions
- A tendency to live in the future, e.g. “Everything will be great when/after . . .”
- A desire to escape or run away
- A distrust of future relationships

If you answered yes to even one, you may be in an abusive relationship. Get help!

Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE, or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

[Dee Louis-Scott is the author of “Believe in the Magic: Let the Tenacity of Mattie Fisher Inspire You,” (www.mattiefisher.com), the story of her mother’s remarkable journey. Louis-Scott retired after working 30 years as a federal employee. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. Scott has co-chaired the Black Family Technology Awareness Association’s Youth STEM Fair for


nine years; its mission is to encourage studies in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math curriculum in urban

communities. Twenty years since the death of her heroic mother, Mattie Fisher, Louis-Scott honors her life, which

was experienced in a time in American history when it was a double-curse to be a black woman.]


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Alfonso Miller, the owner of Art of Wine, provided the wine for the festive event. Art of Wine has three locations including their flagship store at Preston and Forest (near Starbucks). For more info visit <http://theartofwine.localplacement.net/>.



Guests included (left to right) Tiffini Miller, Michael Flusche, and Regina Bruce

In honor of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in September, Kathy Adams Furniture + Design teamed up with the Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas and celebrity chef Kent Rathbun for a fun evening of fashion, furniture and philanthropy.

Kathy Adams hosted A Night of Fashion + Furniture + Food + Fundraising on Thursday, Sept. 5 at their showroom, located at 1509 Preston Rd. in Plano. The event featured a lovely display of the store's best-selling luxury furniture lines, including Kathy

Adams' new signature collection. Guests enjoyed delectable cuisine from Kent Rathbun Catering and wine provided by The Art of Wine. All proceeds from the event benefited the Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas.

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"PRDG's top notch team of architects and designers has vast experience creating senior living and healthcare facilities around the world, making them the most suitable company to lead our project," said Godwin Dixon, president and CEO of Presbyterian Communities and Services. "Our goal has always been to provide unparalleled service, and with this new center we will truly fill a gap in Dallas' continuum of care."

The facility, made possible by an \$18.4 million lead gift by the T. Boone Pickens Foundation and a \$10 million gift by the Harold Simmons Foundation, will be located at 12379 Merit Drive in Dallas.

The T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center, located on more than nine acres, will provide five centers of excellence, including: the Harold Simmons Foundation Inpatient Care Center, offering 36 spacious

inpatient care suites and four family or guest suites; the Hamon Resource and Education Center of Excellence, partnering with universities, hospitals, and healthcare systems to support the latest training and education in hospice and palliative care; a Spiritual Care Center, providing a sanctuary and chapel; the Donald and Charlotte Test Outdoor Reflection Center; and a Child and Bereavement Center, allowing families to explore and process their grief at their own pace, as a group or individually.

"We are honored to have been selected by Presbyterian Communities and Services to design a state-of-the-art hospice and palliative care center," said Paul Donaldson, co-founding principal of PRDG. "Among the most rewarding aspects of designing this hospice is the opportunity to create a comforting end-of-life environment for patients and their

loved ones. Facing a life-limiting illness calls for no less than a compassionate, caring design team prepared to deliver end-of-life comfort and peace of mind."

Co-founding Principal Ryan Robinson added that special care has been taken to provide soothing ambient lighting and built-in window seats that flex to overnight beds for family watching after their patient.

Burdette notes, "In working with hospices for the last 20 years, our goal has always been to create a built expression of the invaluable reassurance palliative care staff extend to the community. This new campus reflects and supports their extraordinary mission."

Ground breaking for the first phase of the T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center is scheduled for the Fall, and completion is estimated to be in September 2015.



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Lincoln Died for Our Sins

BY JELANI COBB

The opening scene of Steven Spielberg's cinematic portrait of the sixteenth president features President Abraham Lincoln seated on a stage, half cloaked in darkness, and observing the Union forces he is sending into battle. It's an apt metaphor for the man himself—both visible and obscure, inside the tempest yet somehow above the fray. Lincoln was released in early November, just in time to shape our discussions of January 1, 2013, the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Yet with its themes of redemption and sacrifice, Spielberg's film could seem less suited for an anniversary celebration than an annual one. Here is a vision of a lone man, tested by betrayal, besieged by enemies whom he regards without malice, a man who is killed for his convictions only to be resurrected as a moral exemplar. Spielberg's *Lincoln* is perhaps less fitted to January 1st than it is to the holiday that precedes it by a week.

In fairness, this narrative of Lincoln's Civil War, equal parts cavalry and Calvary, did not originate with Spielberg. The legend of the Great Emancipator began even as Lincoln lay dying in a boardinghouse across from Ford's Theater that night in April 1865 in the same way that JFK's mythic standing as a civil rights stalwart was born at Dealey Plaza in November 1963.

In the wake of his assassination, Lincoln, the controversial and beleaguered president, was remade into Lincoln the Savior, an American Christ-figure who carried the nation's sins. Pulling off this transformation, this historical alchemy, has required that we as a nation redact the messier parts of Lincoln's story in favor of an untainted, morally unconflicted commander in chief who was untouched by the biases of the day and unyielding in his opposition to slavery. We have little use for tainted Christs. Through Lincoln the Union

was "saved" in more than one sense of the word.

History is malleable. There is always the temptation to remake the past in the contours that are most comforting to us. In a nation tasked with reconciling its democratic ideals with the reality of slavery, Lincoln has become a Rorschach test of sorts. What we see when we look at him says as much about ourselves as it does about him. And what we see, or choose to see, most often is a figure of unimpeachable moral standing who allows Americans to gaze at ourselves in the mirror of history and smile. If the half-life for this kind of unblemished heroism is limited—we've grown more cynical across the board—it has remained resonant enough for our politicians today to profit from their association with it. The signal achievement of Spielberg's *Lincoln* is the renovation of that vision of Lincoln, a makeover for a nation that had elected its first black president to a second term just three days before the film hit theaters.

In 2007 Barack Obama announced his presidential candidacy in Springfield, Ill., deliberately conjuring comparisons to that other lanky lawyer who spent time in the state legislature there. There is no shortage of politicians claiming an affinity with Lincoln—George W. Bush saw himself as a Lincolnesque figure when he was prosecuting the war on terror—but rarely have the parallels been as apparent as they are with Obama. The candidate played up that angle, visiting the Lincoln Memorial just before his inauguration, carrying a well-thumbed copy of *Team of Rivals* on the campaign trail, slipping sly riffs on Lincoln's second inaugural address into his own first one, and taking the oath of office on the Lincoln Bible.

Beyond the obvious, though, lies a deeper theme between Obama and Lincoln: the identities of both men are inextricably bound to questions of both disunity and progress in this country. It's worth recalling that Obama's



Jelani Cobb

rise to prominence was a product of his 2004 speech to the Democratic National Convention, in which he offered a compelling, if Photoshopped, vision of a United States where there are no red states or blue states, where neither race nor religion nor ideology can undermine national unity.

Obama walked onto that stage an obscure state legislator; he left it a virtual avatar of American reconciliation, the most obvious brand of which was racial. Implicit within his subsequent campaign, particularly after the flashpoint of controversy over Jeremiah Wright's sermons, was the possibility of amnesty for the past. Nowhere was this more apparent than in Obama's "More Perfect Union" speech in Philadelphia in March 2008. Delivered at a time when the campaign was virtually hemorrhaging hope, the speech was a deft manipulation of the very human aspiration to break with the messy past, to be reborn in an untainted present.

In the wake of the release of Spielberg's *Lincoln* it was common to see pundits remark with amazement on the enduring public fascination with the sixteenth president. The biopic grossed \$84 million by the beginning of December—a grand haul for a historical drama with no special effects and an ending we've known since grade school.

But viewed from another

angle, the question becomes not why we are still intrigued by Lincoln but how we could not be. His life contains epic themes: genius, war, personal loss, a narrative arc in which a barely schooled young man goes on to produce some of the most elegant prose in the American canon and a role in ending the wretchedness of slavery. The capacity of his life to inspire and intrigue is rivaled only by its capacity to exonerate. It is this last element that takes center stage in Spielberg's film. The director's artistic choice to focus on the last four months of the president's life is simultaneously a choice to focus on his finest hour and to not focus on the troubled, torturous path he traveled to get there. There is no Frederick Douglass here goading the president toward the more humanitarian position, no Whites rioting at the prospect of being drafted to fight for Negro freedom.

On the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, we see unwitting testimony to our ongoing racial quagmire in the reductive ways we discuss the author of that document and the reasons for slavery's end. We speak volumes about our impasses in the glib, self-congratulatory way we discuss the election of the president most ostensibly tied to Lincoln's legacy.

It's important to note that Spielberg's film about the death of slavery all but ignores the Proclamation. That

choice allowed the director and his audience to avoid both Lincoln's support for the mass colonization of free blacks and also the fact that the now-hallowed Proclamation left nearly a million slaves in chains. It also made unnecessary any discussion of the uncomfortable truth that the Proclamation was devised in part as a war measure to ensure the loyalties of border states and deprive the Confederacy of its labor force, while leaving open the question of the South getting those very slaves back, should they return to the Union.

Instead, Spielberg's *Lincoln* centers on the comparatively clean moral lines surrounding the Thirteenth Amendment. But like a great deal of the popular ideas about Lincoln, the film confuses the president's strategic ideas with his moral ones, and in so doing shifts the landscape toward redemption.

At issue here are not just Lincoln's actions, but the context for those actions and the motives behind them. The film highlights that Lincoln, in fighting for a constitutional amendment, freed four million enslaved Blacks, as well as untold generations yet to be born. The film does not highlight that by 1865, Lincoln would have known very well that permanently ending slavery would also deprive the readmitted Southern states of the labor force that had allowed it to nearly tear the country in half. The amendment was no less strategically motivated than the Proclamation had been. Arguing that the end of the war gave Lincoln leeway to strike the blow against slavery he'd patiently waited for overlooks the fact that Congress had attempted to pass the amendment in the previous session—when the outcome of the war was far less certain. After the amendment passed Lincoln referred to it as a "king's cure for all the evils," but in his annual address given months earlier, in December 1864, he spoke of it as a prerogative of preserving the nation:

In a great national crisis like ours, unanimity of action among those seeking a common end is very desirable, almost indispensable. And yet no approach to such unanimity is attainable unless some deference shall be paid to the will of the majority simply because it is the will of the majority. In this case the common end is the maintenance of the Union, and among the means to secure the end such will, through the election, is more clearly declared in favor of such Constitutional amendment. (Emphasis added.)

The strategic and moral benefits of Lincoln's actions are not mutually exclusive, but the need for a redemption figure makes us behave as if they are. The fact that Black freedom occurred because a particular set of national interests aligned with ending slavery doesn't diminish the moral importance of it. Indeed, the moral high ground here is that Lincoln, unlike millions of Americans in both the South and the North, was able to recognize that slavery was not more important than the Union itself.

This seems somehow insufficient to the definition of heroism today, but it shouldn't. The by-product of our modern, mythical Lincoln is that he allows us to shift our gaze to one American who ended slavery rather than the millions who perpetuated and defended it. By lionizing Lincoln, we are able to concentrate on the death of an evil institution rather than its ongoing legacy. The paradox is that Lincoln's death enabled later generations to impatiently wonder when Black people would cease fixating on slavery and just get over it.

When Obama cast himself in the mold of Lincoln in 2007, he could not have known how deeply he would find himself mired in the metaphor. As a recent Pew Study revealed, our country is more divided along partisan lines today than at any point since they've been conducting studies. Basic demographic divisions—gender,

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NDG Gossip: Chad Johnson finally scored a job

By SHENICE SANDERS,
NDG INTERN

Former NFL wide receiver Chad Johnson is back in action. According to *TMZ* "Basketball Wives" reality star Evelyn Lozada, is now gainfully employed again as a CBS fantasy football analyst.



Photo Credit: Newsom

Johnson married Lozada early July of last year with the marriage only lasting a little over a month. In that short time frame on August 12 Johnson was charged with domestic battery for headbutting Lozada in a argument.

Following the arrest Johnson was cut from the Miami Dolphins Team, lost several en-

dorsements and his future reality show with Lozada that was set to air on *VH1*. Lozada soon after took matters into her own hands and filed for divorce, which was finalized that following September.

It seems as though things could not get any worse for the former athlete, but following the divorce came more problems.

Johnson faced bankruptcy and baby mama drama over child support. There were many reports of Johnson wanting to sign on with a NFL team, but no one would sign him.

Many are excited for Johnson's "come up" and being a new analyst for Fantasy Football on the CBS Sports Network.

Johnson took to twitter to make his comment stating:

"Now I have to change bio to employed adding @CBSSports which also means my tweets will now be censored. I'm gonna party tonight at home"

Give us your opinion, do you think Chad Johnson will make a good analyst?

Dallas Black Dance Theatre launches season with *DanceAfrica*

DALLAS – *DanceAfrica*, a cultural experience that celebrates African and African American dance, culture and arts will take place at the AT&T Performing Arts Center October 4 and 5. Modeled after the largest festival of its kind in America (BAM in New York), *DanceAfrica* will feature a free marketplace with vendors and performances by local talent at the Annette Strauss Square on Saturday, October 5 and two ticketed performances in the

Winspear Opera House on Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 4 - 5.

This year, Dallas Black Dance Theatre is featuring the Booker T. Washington HS-PVA World Dance Ensemble, Bandan Koro Drum and Dance Ensemble and all five of the performing companies of DBDT (DBDT, DBDTII, Allegro, Senior Performing Ensemble, Junior Performing Ensemble) as a part of the celebration. Baba Chuck Davis, founder and



artistic director for *DanceAfrica* returns for an 8th season to lead the celebration. As a highlight, community elders will be performing choreography by Davis. Davis will also visit

several area schools and programs prior to the weekend to teach master classes and perform various outreach activities.

"Unity is the theme for this year's celebration," said Ann Williams, founder and artistic director of Dallas Black Dance Theatre. "We wanted to showcase our high school and local dance groups this year to promote the strength of the dance community and highlight our Academy dancers."

One of the highlights of *DanceAfrica* is the annual festival and marketplace. Held on Saturday, October 5 at the Annette Strauss Square, the free event features a main stage with performances by local talent and a marketplace with cultural vendors. Several of the city's most prominent African Vendors will also be in attendance to sell goods and demonstrate unique techniques.

DanceAfrica performances are Friday and Saturday evenings, October 4-5, at

7:30pm at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Winspear Opera House. Tickets can be purchased by calling the ATPAC Box Office at 214.880.0202 or visiting atpac.org. Group tickets available at the DBDT Ticket Sales office at 214-871-2390. *DanceAfrica* Festival and Marketplace is Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Annette Strauss Square with the parade beginning at 9:45 a.m. For more information, visit dbdt.com

Eatzi's opening fourth store in Plano

Editor's Note: Eatzi's offered chef-crafted food long before Central Market and Whole Foods came to town. Their sandwiches are incredible, and I remember squeezing in with others for one of the few tables to enjoy one of the freshly prepared entrees. The Oak Lawn location felt like a New York, get in where you fit in type of vibe. The food was incredible, fairly affordable and worth the wait. The announcement eatzi's Market & Bakery will open its fourth store in Plano, Texas, on Sept. 20 reminds me it has been too long since I visited a local eatzi's.

The Market & Bakery will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, 7 days a week, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The store will be located at 5967 West Parker Road at the corner of the Dallas North Toll-

way and West Parker Road. The 10,000 square foot store will employ approximately 180 talented team members.

"We are extremely excited to finally be in Plano," said Adam Romo, CEO of eatzi's. "The residents of Plano are veritable foodies with sophisticated palates and tastes. Our vast selection of high-quality, affordable "Meals For The Taking" provides relief from the chore of everyday cooking." Romo also emphasized, "the Plano store will provide all the same wonderful selections found in its iconic Oak Lawn location."

eatzi's chef-crafted meals are prepared fresh from scratch, on-site, every day. Limited seating underscores the "Meals For The Taking" strategy for this non-restaurant, specialty food retailer. With over 1,500 items for

sale, there truly is something for everyone at eatzi's. The full production bakery produces 200 varieties of artisan breads and pastries.

The kitchen produces over 350 varieties of food (including sushi), which are sold cold for reheating later and hot for immediate consumption. The deli carries over 130 varieties of exotic meats and cheeses. Custom sandwiches and salads are made to order, hot or cold. The Grill prepares daily specials in addition to its regular offerings.

The "Grab and Go" section offers complete meals, pre-packed with eatzi's most popular foods. The produce and specialty product selections can't be found in the typical grocery store. The Café offers specialty coffees and teas, which can also be purchased in bulk.

To complement its world-class cuisine, eatzi's ex-

tensive wine and beer selection is equally impressive

with over 340 varieties from around the world.

Irving church slated to celebrate Central America and Mexico Independence this weekend

Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria De Guadalupe is hosting a celebration of Central America and Mexico Independence on Sunday, Sept. 15. The church is located in Irving at 2601 S. MacArthur Blvd. The celebration will

kick off at 8 a.m. and will run until at least 7 p.m.

This is the 10th year of the celebration and it annually draws friends and families from throughout the metroplex. In fact, up to 5,000 will stop by through-

out the day to enjoy Latin cuisine and activities for children of all ages. It is a family affair. This year they are excited to include a football tournament which will include a financial prize to the first place team.

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race, ethnicity, religion, and class-do not predict differences in values more than they have in the past. Men and women, Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics, the highly religious and the less religious, and those with more and less education differ in many respects, but those differences have not grown in recent years, and for the most part they pale in comparison to the overwhelming partisan divide we see today. This is only partly because of the growth of cable news programs offering relentless blue-versus-red commentary and a la carte current events. It's also because party identity has become a stand-in for all the other distinctions the study explained.

That chasm is the stepchild of the sectionalism of Lincoln's era. Today, we are another House Divided, though the lines are now drawn more haphazardly. And this is where Obama and Lincoln part ways. In future feature films about the current era, it won't be the details of the president's life that will be redacted, but the details of those Americans who greeted Obama's reelection with secession petitions; those who reacted to the 2008 election by organizing themselves and parading racially inflammatory banners in the nation's capital; those who sought solace from demagogues and billionaire conspiracy theorists who demanded that a sitting president prove his own citizenship.

The heralded "Age of Obama" began with a sugar high of postracialism, but four years later the number of Whites subscribing to explicitly racist ideas about Blacks had increased, not diminished. The vision of a Black person executing the duties of the nation's highest office was supposed to become mundane; we were supposed to take his identity for granted. Somewhere there was a little-voiced hope among Black people that his simple existence as President would be a daily brief for our collective humanity, that we would be taken to be every

bit as ordinary as the man occupying the Oval Office.

At points in the last four years, it seemed as if we could live in a poetic moment, as if our founding documents could be taken at face value. But the numbers tell us it's not true. Many Americans have reacted to the promise of the Obama era as a threat, as a harbinger of the devaluing currency of whiteness. The problem is not that these people want to take their country back, it's that they were loathe to share it in the first place. The recalcitrant racism of the Obama era will be as vexing to the story of American virtue as Lincoln's racial failings were to those of his era. Lincoln was not as flawless as we've been told, and we are not as virtuous as we've begun to tell ourselves.

To be clear, though, something in the nation has changed. At no point prior to 2008 could a presidential aspiration have been so effectively yoked to this yearning for a clear racial conscience. But beneath the high-blown, premature rhetoric of postracialism lies the less inspirational fact that those changes were as much about math as they were about morality.

Depending on your perspective, we have either reached a point of racial maturity that facilitated the election of an African-American president or we've reached a point where a supermajority of Black voters, a large majority of Latino and Asian ones, and a minority of White people are capable of winning a presidential election. Again, these ideas need not

be mutually exclusive, but the need for clean lines and easy redemption makes us behave as if they are.

Lincoln's apotheosis inspired self-congratulation among Whites and a backlash of doubt and outright disdain among Blacks. Among many African-Americans, a justifiable skepticism of Lincoln as the original Friend of the Negro has morphed into a broader dismissal of him altogether. But however conservative and incrementalist his policies seemed to them, and to many of us today, they were still far too radical for John Wilkes Booth and the millions who sympathized with him.

Lincoln's death is further evidence that men who are ahead of their times have a tendency to die at the hands of men who are behind them. It is also proof that the simple sentiment that the Union was more important than slavery was, in its own right, radical. However far Lincoln was from advocating racial equality, his second inaugural address stands as a monument of national conscience:

Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bond-men's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash, shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether."

Indeed, the real problem is not that the nation has so consistently sought balm for its racial wounds, and drafted Lincoln-and Obama-for those purposes; it's the belief that we could be absolved from the past so cheaply. No Lincoln, not even an unfailingly moral one who was killed in service of a righteous cause, could serve as an antidote for ills that persisted, and continue to persist, for a century and a half after his demise. We find ourselves now in circumstances where actual elements of racial progress are jeopardized precisely because we've smugly accepted the idea of ourselves as racially progressive.

The Thirteenth Amendment states that "[n]either slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." We are a nation in which a Black president holds office while more than half a million duly convicted Black men populate the prisons and county and municipal jails hold hundreds of thousands more. The symbolic ideal of postracialism masks a Supreme Court that may undermine affirmative action in higher education and the pre-clearance clause of the Voting Rights Act.

Our most recent election saw both unprecedented Black turnout and efforts at Black voter suppression that resound with echoes of bad history. Black unemployment, even among the college educated, remains vastly

higher than it is for Whites. (Among the more hideous hypocrisies of the recent election was Mitt Romney's cynical appeals to Black Americans, pointing out that Blacks have suffered disproportionately in the Obama economy. The Black president, we were to believe, is now also responsible for racism in the labor market.)

Obama himself was wise to these contrasts as far back as 2008, when he gave the speech in Philadelphia that saved his political career.

[W]ords on a parchment would not be enough to deliver slaves from bondage, or provide men and women of every color and creed their full rights and obligations as citizens of the United States. What would be needed were Americans in successive generations who were willing to do their part-through protests and struggle, on the streets and in the courts, through a civil war and civil disobedience and always at great risk-to narrow that gap between the promise of our

ideals and the reality of their time.

The election of an African-American president is a watershed in our history. But the takeaway is that what we do during these moments is somehow smaller than what we do between them, that our heroes are no better than we are, nor do they need to be. Harriet Tubman is often cited as saying she could have freed more blacks if only she'd been able to convince them they were slaves. In our own era, the only impediment to realizing the creed of "We Shall Overcome" is the narcotic belief that we already have.

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residents can quickly report common code violations such as high weeds, litter, trash, junk vehicles, graffiti and illegal dumping."

"With the launch of this app, we're creating a whole new group of city ambassadors; people who are really the eyes and ears of our communities," Rawlings said. "When they spot graffiti, high weeds, or other blight in their neighborhoods, they can now quickly report it on their smartphones."

The most common service request over the past five years has been high weeds, with 34,000 requests submitted, followed by litter, with an average of 19,748 requests submitted annually. Annual service request volume has increased from 336,474 in FY10-11 to 343,575 in FY11-12.

Earlier this month, the city upgraded its 311 system, giving residents the ability to attach photos, videos and documents to their service requests, and the ability to check their request status online. Software improvements also now allow 311 Customer Service Agents to capture caller information faster and more efficiently.

"The app offers one more way users can communicate with the City for non-emergency City services," said Interim City Manager A.C. Gonzalez. "In addition to being able to talk to a live Customer Service Representative by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the public can now use the mobile Dallas 311 app."

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McKinney received:

• **Award of Excellence** - For the city website, www.mckinneytexas.org, relaunched in 2012 with a new look and functionality

• **Award of Excellence** - For marketing strategy and campaigns for the "Best Places to Live in America" communications and marketing plan and subsequent campaign executed after the #2 award on the 2012 list, issued by Money Magazine

• **Silver Circle Award** - For the McKinney Overview Video, It Just Keeps Getting Better, first unveiled at the State of the Community

"To take awards home in three distinct and diverse categories shows the well-rounded nature and strength of the team's work across every facet of our responsibility. Both the strategy and supporting deliverables and results have been recognized for using an effective integrated marketing communications approach. Awards like the national Saavy exemplify the quality and con-

tinuity of work designed to benefit the community, and the commitment of each team member to continue to raise the bar," said Communications Director CoCo Good.



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**September 15, 8 a.m.
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Join us for 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.

September 18, 7 p.m.

Join us for Wednesday Night Live in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive, with old school prayer and testimony. Also, come to our Corporate Prayer and our Kidz Zone (an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.)

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September 15, 9:30 a.m.

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Rep. Veasey discusses support of Marketplace Fairness Act

ARLINGTON -- Congressman Marc Veasey, TX-33 was joined recently by U.S. Reps. Joe Barton, R-Arlington, Councilman Jimmy Bennett, Bill Porter, Mayor Cluck and Arlington business owners at a press conference in support of the Marketplace Fairness Act.

The act is proposed bipartisan legislation in Congress that would allow states to collect sales and use taxes from out-of-state retailers, as well as streamline sales tax laws.

Arlington Camera host-ed the gathering as part of its support of the legislation. Owner, Bill Porter, shared a personal account of his own struggles competing with vendors that do not have to charge sales tax.

"As I saw here today, it is clear that Congress must address the ability of cities and states to collect sales taxes from online and catalog retailers," said Rep. Veasey. "This inequity allows online companies to play by a different set of rules."

"As of now, if an online retailer does not have a physical presence within a state, they are not required to collect and remit sales tax there," Veasey continued. "This loophole, created before the Internet, gives online-only companies an unfair advantage. This special treatment also means that cities and states lose millions of dollars in revenue that would go to local schools, police and fire departments, as well as road and bridge maintenance."

"That is why I am proud to serve as a cosponsor of H.R. 684, the Marketplace Fairness Act, that not only allows states to levy sales taxes on online purchases but also allows each state to decide how best to do so while protecting consumers," he said.

Veasey added, "I look forward to working with my colleagues like Congressman Barton on a bipartisan basis to ensure that the House follows suit and we pass this important legislation as soon as possible."

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Dr. Hornbuckle will discuss her personal testimony through her new book, *Suffering in Silence*. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and she will sign autographs.

Hamilton Park UMC is

located at 11881 Schroeder Rd. in North Dallas. The event is free and open to women and teenage girls. However, please call Jackie Robinson at 214-938-5319 by Thursday, Sept. 26 to RSVP to confirm there is enough seating.

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Anger, sometimes defined as "a strong feel of displeasure or being irritated;" is a powerful emotion, so much so that it has been labeled a universal sin and I is said that it is one letter from "danger."

It happens all the time and to all kinds of people. An absolutely pleasant conversation can be ruined when someone's displeasure surfaces. A perfectly happy relationship can be damaged under the assault of a displeased person.

And a good day can be spoiled because the boss comes in with "a strong feeling of displeasure."

Anger is tricky because, unlike fear, the Scriptures say there is an appropriate time to be angry. God said, "Be ye

angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. **Ephesians 4:26-27**

Someone can become enraged over the mistreatment of a child or an animal, and if it is within his or her power, he or she can move to put a stop to the situation.

Keep in mind that the kind of anger that is kindled by the abuse of a helpless living being is **not** destructive.

However, anger that is buried or improperly expressed has lethal power. God calls that kind of anger bitterness and warns: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: . . ."

"...Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who



Deacon Andrell & Sister Thanya Ruffin, celebrating Deacon Ruffin's Appreciation Day at Word of Life C.O.G.I.C in Carrollton, Texas

for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. **Hebrews 12:14-16**

How can you know the difference between a properly control anger and a de-

structive anger? You can easily check yourself for bitterness in two ways:

1) Listen to yourself. When you speak, do you make sarcastic, cutting, or heated remarks about the

person toward whom you have a "strong feeling of displeasure?"

Whenever his or her name is mentioned, do you have something negative to

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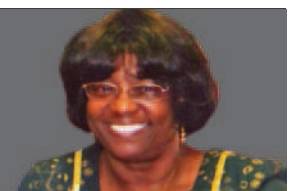
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It's always about the hunt.

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The thing is, you never forget your first meaningful hunt. And in the new book *Goat Mountain* by

David Vann, that's doubly true when it goes so terribly wrong.

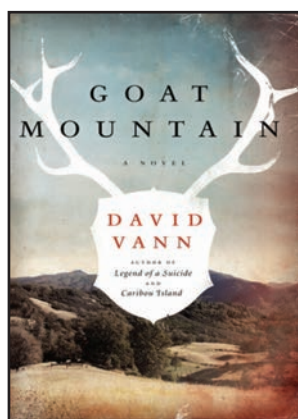
He had been to the hunting camp before.

Each year, his father; his father's best friend, Tom; and his grandfather took him on the long ride through land that had been in the family for ages. Up hills, around winding roads, across cliffs that made him believe they'd crash and die. He stood in the back of the truck and watched for deer.

This year, his eleventh summer, he'd be allowed to shoot one.

His rifle wasn't nearly as powerful as the one his

Goat Mountain is a book worth hunting for



father carried or the one Tom owned. Still, he'd been shooting the .30-.30 for two years, anticipating this week. He was angry, sometimes, that he'd been born too late: he'd seen photos of hunts past, and wished he'd been there.

And then they got to the gate.

His father had poacher-proofed it, secured it against gun and truck, but that didn't seem to matter: Tom saw a poacher sitting on a ledge some two hundred yards out. It angered him; it angered them all that this man was trespassing, scaring away their deer. So they decided to scare the poacher.

Leaning against the hood of the truck, his father dropped a shell in the chamber of a .300 Magnum, aimed, and drove the bolt home. On the ledge, there was no reaction to the click, so his father offered him a peek through the more-powerful rifle.

Through the scope, he could see rocks and dust. He could see everything: clothes the poacher was wearing, his skin, his jeans as he stood up, having noticed the glint of something, maybe a rifle in the hands of an eleven-year-old boy.

Then that boy squeezed the trigger...

There you have a synopsis of the *first chapter* of this book. But could author David Vann sustain the heart-pounding drama here?

The answer is a resounding "yes."

Told from the obvious point of an adult who was once that boy, "Goat Mountain" takes readers through incredible beauty,

lush views, and breathtaking landscapes, down into a sharp cone of grieved madness and brutality. It's easy to think the boy is a brat; easier to think he's a monster, but Vann teases out his storyline until we're not really sure where evil lies or where it came from. I like that in a novel, and I loved this one.

So pour yourself a cold one this week, settle into your easy chair, and be ready to miss a lot of sleep. You've been waiting a long time for a novel that'll capture your attention like this does, which makes *Goat Mountain* the book to hunt for.

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say? As God has been showing me this truth in my own life, I have identified some anger I have to deal with.

Speech is the first-line indicator of a bitterness problem. As I have told you, my daughter Sheila has said to me; and it has been said by many others, "All of the time, it is not what you have to say that hurts but how you say it to the person."

2) Observe your own actions. You may not overtly attack the person with whom you are angry, but how about the many

subtle ways of getting your point across?

The silent treatment, for example; silence speaks volumes and, in case you think other people don't notice the tension your "displeasure" causes, think again.

Avoidance is another way of showing your displeasure, when you are displeased with a person, you seek to stay out of their company. Please do not forget how you look at a person that you are displeased with.

I have often heard, "Oh, if looks could kill . .

." You may be priding yourself on the restraint you have shown in not attacking openly, but no matter how you may try to hide it, **unresolved anger shows.**

Give yourself the bitterness test today. If you pass, great! To God be the Glory. If not, you have a choice to make. God says you can pull up those bitter roots. Get rid of them and move on. Ask God to help you make the right choice.

Good things to consider: 1) We get our moral bearings by looking at

God, and only Him. We must begin with God. We are right when, and only when, we stand in a right position relative to God, and we are wrong so far and so long as we stand in any other position--A. W. Tozer:

2) How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday you will have been all of these--George Washington Carver.

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master manipulators that are only looking out for the personal interest of Mr. Obama. This arrogant horde of politicians would risk US lives and prestige to make a point about Obama's RED LINE?

I say clearly patriots that if the president attacks Syria after the congress rejects his resolution, he should be impeached.

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7701 S. WESTMORELAND RD
DALLAS, TX 75237
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SERVICE TIMES:
SUNDAY
LIVE ON KJL 7:30 AM
10:30 AM
MONDAY SCHOOL
7:00 PM
FRIDAY
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
7:00 PM
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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:15am
Wednesday Prayer 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm
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Pastor



2013 Theme:
SMBC: A church Focused on
Excellence while Teaching
the Word, Preaching the
Gospel, Reaching the World

Worship Times: 8 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Mid-week: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Youth Church: Every 3rd, 4th,
and 5th Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
AWANA: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
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