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Americans take to the street to protest police killings

By Jazelle Hunt
NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – On Saturday, thousands of Americans across the country registered their objection to police officers not being held accountable after killing unarmed citizens, many of them Blacks, by mounting massive demonstrations and rallies, the main one held here in the nation's capital.

Organized by major civil rights organizations, the goal of the protest was to demand federal intervention in state prosecutorial systems that have failed to indict anyone in the police killings of victims such as Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, and Pearlle Golden.

“We must have this nation deal with the fact that just like 50 years ago, the states have taken a position to rob the human rights and civil rights of citizens with states rights-protected laws,” said Al Sharpton, the rally's chief organizer.

The demands by Sharpton included: expanding the powers for the Justice Department to investigate state prosecution procedures; national legislation to lower the threshold for grand jury indictments



(Photo by Jazelle Hunt for the NNPA)

of police officers; and independent special prosecutors to examine potential cases of police brutality or misconduct.

The march drew a multiracial, intergenerational sea of sign-toting citizens from all over the nation.

Wanda Sharif, from Beaumont, Texas, had already been in Washington to help care for her grandchild, but extended her visit to attend the march. The grandmother of seven recalled marching with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 11 years old, and attending all-White schools until enrolling at Spelman College

in Atlanta.

“I’ve been doing this for three generations. I have to be here to document for my grandchildren, so they know I was here,” she says. “It’s important that everybody sees – not just America, but the whole world should see that we have not made all the progress and accomplished all that we thought we did. More and more eyes are opening. We’re still fighting for the same things we were fighting for in the ‘60s.”

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COMMENTARY

Young activists push Obama on police reform measures

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Senior Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – In an oval office meeting that some have called “historic,” a group of young activists met with President Obama to discuss the crippling effects of police brutality in the Black community, the militarization of police departments and the need for systemic reform that sparked months of protests following the

shooting death of Michael Brown, an unarmed Black teenager, in Ferguson, Mo.

The young activists list of demands included: the demilitarization of local police departments, investing in community-led restorative justice programs, and enhancing data collection of police activity at the federal, state and local levels.

Tef-Poe, a St. Louis hip-hop artist said that the

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Tai Beauchamp



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Tai Beauchamp

A media industry veteran and social entrepreneur, Tai has a rare and innate ability to connect with audiences across demographics. It was as a magazine editor that Ms. Beauchamp learned the profound power of media and how to use it to motivate and inspire millions around the world. Becoming a humanitarian taught her the most valuable lesson: "young women and the world-at-large want to be inspired and that inspiration can start out as materialistic for some, but it undoubtedly originates through service



and giving."

Tai founded the BluePrint Group, LLC, a communications and marketing firm that specializes in bridging the gap between the world of fashion and philanthropy. Founded in 2006, clients

and partners of the Blue-Print Group have included Avon, Malaria No More, The Sundance Channel, The MCJ Amelior Foundation, Spelman College, Tractenberg & Co, and Universal Motown Records. The firm helps organizations build strategic marketing plans that teaches consumers that giving, volunteering, advocating, and supporting one another is "stylish."

Ms. Beauchamp began her career as a beauty and fashion editor at O, The Oprah Magazine in 2000, after interning at Good Housekeeping and Harper's Bazaar. After two and a half successful years at O, she

was recruited to serve as the beauty editor of what would become Suede Magazine. She then moved on to become the youngest and first African-American Beauty Director at Seventeen Magazine.

Tai took a sabbatical from publishing and began consulting with a New Jersey-based grant-making foundation, the MCJ Amelior Foundation, where she managed the organization's education and youth development portfolio. As a consultant to the Foundation she collaborated with an urban public high school to start a mentoring and job-readiness training program

for teenagers, R U Ready for Work, that today serves as an important program at Rutgers University. While working in philanthropy she continued to contribute to the fashion world as an expert and writer. In 2006, Tai returned to publishing as the Deputy Editor of VIBE Vixen Magazine where she successfully directed an editorial and creative relaunch at the publication targeted toward trendsetting urbanistas. She has also contributed to Ebony, Life & Style, Jones, and her blog Compacts & Vignettes on the ivillage.com style channel was a first-person peak into her boudoir.

Passionate about youth and women, Tai volunteers as a mentor with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties in New Jersey. Tai Beauchamp earned a Bachelors of Arts in English Literature from Atlanta's Spelman College and attended New York University's Television Production program. When she's not spotting trends, spending time with family, traveling, running (she recently completed the ING NYC Marathon) or mentoring young people, Tai sits pretty, inside and out, in New Jersey with her Jack Russell terrier, Abdul.

Cedric the Entertainer

Cedric "The Entertainer" is best known for his crowd-pleasing roles in hit films such as Barbershop with Ice Cube, Be Cool with John Travolta, Madagascar (animated feature), Intolerable Cruelty with George Clooney, and The Original Kings of Comedy, MTV's documentary feature directed by Spike Lee. Additionally, in April 2004, Cedric was star and producer of the box office hit Johnson Family Vacation (ranked the #1 comedy in America for two consecutive weeks).



In theater's now with Chris Rock, Cedric is one of the co-stars of *Top Five*. In recent years he was previously the host of *Family Feud* and *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* and is currently

starring in TV Land's *The Soul Man*.

Cedric has celebrated many career successes spanning television, live performances and film. Some notable accolades include nabbing The Aftra Award of Excellence in Television Programming for his Fox Television series "Cedric The Entertainer Presents..."; a record-breaking (4) consecutive NAACP Image Awards for "Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series" for his portrayal of the lovable "Coach Cedric Robinson" on the WB's #1-rated "The Steve Harvey Show", which ran for six seasons.

His first comedy book, *Grown-Ass Man*, was released in January of 2002 and sold out across the country. In 2001, a viewing audience of over 144 million saw Cedric star in the Bud Light commercial that landed in the #1 spot during the Super Bowl broadcast (subsequently, USA Today dubbed him "Madison Avenue's Most Valuable Player"). And, in 1994, Cedric received The Richard Pryor Comic of the Year Award from BET for his ground-breaking work as host of Def Comedy Jam and BET's Comic View (1994-95 season).

Now helming his own

production company, A Bird and a Bear Entertainment, Cedric will develop and produce feature films. Johnson Family Entertainment was the first feature under the new company.

As a philanthropist, Cedric founded The Cedric 'The Entertainer' Charitable Foundation which provides scholarships and outreach programs to enhance the lives of inner-city youth and their families in his hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. He plans to extend the foundation nationally.

Other career highlights for Cedric include his directorial debut in 2010 in a straight to DVD flick,

Dance Fu which was produced and funded independently by his company Bird and a Bear Entertainment. The film starred comedian Kel Mitchell. Cedric made a cameo appearance in the film as a Homicide detective. It was released straight-to-DVD on October 4, 2011.

He also appeared in the Broadway revival of David Mamet's "American Buffalo," the story of three small-time crooks who come to blows during a plot to steal a valuable coin collection

See Cedric on Dec. 20 at Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie at 8 p.m.

Dr. Raye Mitchell

Dr. Raye Mitchell is an entertainment attorney, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, author and social entrepreneur founder of I C HOPE: The Making a New Reality Foundation. Dr. Mitchell is the Executive Producer of G.U.R.L.S. Rock Power TV (www.youtube.com/newhopenewreality), an Internet based TV program providing inspiration, training and leadership content for women and girls of color and G.U.R.L.S. Rock Global Leadership Summits (www.gurlrock-2010.org)

Dr. Raye Mitchell is the founder and CEO of The Mitchell Law Corporation, PC (MLC), a full service intellectual property, business



law, employment and entertainment law firm. Dr. Mitchell is also currently the President and CEO of Making a New Reality, Inc (MNR), a multicultural entertainment and marketing firm, with an expertise in marketing integrated social entrepreneurial products and services with responsi-

ble corporate marketing to produce products and services that promote social good, multicultural inclusion, change leadership and volunteerism.

Ms. Mitchell has almost three decades of professional business management and legal experience and earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School where she met President Obama, and an MBA from the University of Southern California Marshall School Of Business, earned on full fellowship from the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management. Prior to receiving her MBA, Ms. Mitchell graduated with honors with a B.S. in Public Policy Management from USC.

Mitchell's numerous academic, business and com-

munity service awards include: 2010 Jefferson Award for Public Service, a Portrait of Success Award, nomination for *The Wall Street Journal* Global Award, "Top 50 Women to Watch," and honored as 101+ Champions for Youth for her work in the community as the founder of I C HOPE: The Making a New Reality Foundation, a non-profit committed to leadership training for at-risk African American, Latina and Asian American adolescent girls.

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movement is gaining traction among young people and a bridge is also being built between the young activists and the older generation.

“People are starting to jump on board at an alarming rate and the next move is to sustain this and to push for real comprehensive accountability concerning racial profiling and police brutality,” said Tef-Poe.

Following his meeting with community stakeholders faith leaders and law enforcement officials on building trust between police and the community, President Obama said that when any part of the American family does not feel like it is being treated fairly, that’s a problem for all of us.

“It’s not just a problem for some. It’s not just a problem for a particular community or a particular demographic. It means that we are not as strong as a country as we can be,” Obama said. “And when applied to the criminal justice system, it means we’re not as effective in fighting crime as we could be.”

The president announced a number of key proposals, including the creation of a task force that will identify best practices to build stronger ties between police departments and the communities they serve, reforming the controversial 1033 program and promoting the use of body cameras. The president said that he wants to invest \$263 million, including \$75 million to buy 50,000 such cameras.

According to a recent review of federal programs that send equipment to local law enforcement agencies (LEAs), “the programs reviewed do not necessarily foster or require civil rights/civil liberties training and they generally lack mechanisms to hold LEAs accountable for the misuse or misapplication of equipment. This variation among federal agencies makes tracking the overall effects, use and misuse of federal or federally-funded equipment

difficult.”

Although the group was encouraged by some of the president’s proposals, Ashley Yates, co-founder of Millennial Activists United, a St. Louis-area civil rights group, said that there needs to be youth voices on the task force as well.

“There needs to be people of the Black community that are activists in that room, there needs to be people of the Black community who are most affected by this oppression in that room,” said Yates. “You have to allow space for people who are affected by this militarization and police brutality to define their oppression, so that we can actually frame the problem correctly.”

Jose Lopez, a lead organizer with Make the Road New York, a civil rights group focused on Latino and working class communities, said that collecting and sharing data on police activity is instrumental when it comes to holding police officers accountable when they break the law or violate a citizen’s rights. Right now, Lopez said, that data is either not being collected at the department level in municipalities across the country or the data being collected is not voluntarily shared.

Because the Justice Department relies on local police departments to self-report, police shootings and justifiable homicides, criminal justice experts believe those statistics don’t show a complete picture.

“It’s absurd that this is all voluntary,” said Lopez. “We need to set a precedent at the federal level so that states and cities fill the need to report.”

Lopez continued: “We need to make sure that we’re mandating reporting of police precincts the same way that we mandate reporting of schools in this country.”

Phillip Agnew, the executive director of the Dream Defenders, a diverse civil rights group founded by young people in the after-



President Obama and senior staff gets an earful from Ferguson youth leaders (NNPA Photo by Freddie Allen).

math of the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed Black teenager in Sanford, Fla., said that the group of young activists appreciated the meeting with the president and that it was the result of decades and decades of work, organizing, and unrest.

“For it to be as historic as we believe it could be, we’ve got to deliver some meaningful policies,” said Agnew. “Until then, we and people across the country, are going to continue to take to the streets, we’re going to continue to disrupt the daily order, we’re going to continue to make sure that business does not happen as usual, until we see some meaningful reform and a clear indication, not only from the president’s office, but also from governors, mayors and police chiefs around this country that Black lives do truly matter.”

Yates said that the young people protesting police brutality and the militarization of state and local law enforcement agencies nationwide need to see President Obama use the power of his position to enact some real change.

“We have been on the ground making the changes that we can in our community, but these are high level changes that we need to see,” said Yates. “These are systemic issues and we need systemic solutions for them. We need policy and the backing of our Black president to say that this is a racial issue and that he stands behind us.”

Ferguson protesters scored a win in court last Thursday when Judge Carol Jackson of the United States District Court for the East-

ern District of Missouri issued a temporary restraining order banning the use of “tear gas, smoke, pepper spray or other chemical agents against demonstrators without first giving a clear warning and a clear means of exit.”

The order also said that tear gas can’t be used against protesters to punish or frighten them for exercising their First Amendment rights, according to the press release.

In the press release, Denise Lieberman, a senior attorney with the Advancement Project, a multi-racial civil rights group, and one of the lawyers involved in the case said that the ruling sends a strong message that police acting under the Unified Command must respect the rights of protesters to demonstrate, and cannot use excessive tactics to curtail their message.

“Police overreach was exactly what people were protesting in the first place,” said Lieberman.

Justin Hansford, an assistant law professor at St. Louis University and a member of the Don’t Shoot Coalition, called the ruling an “important moment for the movement” that sprang up in the St. Louis suburb and spread across the nation.

“This sends a strong message to people here and across the country that tear gassing and assaulting peaceful demonstrators in the United States of America compromises our core values,” said Hansford. “The next step is holding police accountable for infringing on our vital human and constitutional rights.”

Gifts to help us hear and see

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Yes your grandmother loves tea, sweaters and slippers for Christmas. But why not give her (or your grandfather) something that might help them enjoy their daily lives just a little bit more. Actually I am not a grandparent and found a few of these quite useful myself.

But if you have someone on your Christmas wishlist that is hard of hearing, hi BTE or hi ITC maybe isn't the sexiest gift in the world, but it could make a world of

difference to them.

So instead of giving another coffee mug, help them by selecting either an in the canal design (*hi ITC*) for those who prefer to be more discrete or *hi BTE* for those more comfortable with an over the ear design. *hi-healthinnovations.com*.

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Kitchen tools and gadgets for your favorite foodie

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor



Yes husbands it is now OK to give appliances for Christmas, with the foodie movement, your wife or girlfriend won't mind if you give her something she has been eyeing on her favorite cooking TV Show.

If you give anyone a Blendtec blender you will be golden! They are not exaggerating too much when they suggest it is better than the VitaMix – I have never owned one of those but my friend's did not last too long. But the Blendtec really seems to do it all and with ease. And it is a family-owned American company, a fact your smoothie making friend will likely love.

I found it very easy to use as a tech challenged cook and more importantly easy to clean. The Blendtec keeps it simple with programmed cycles: juice, smoothie, soup, salsa, ice cream, clean. Even I could not mess it up! Who doesn't love a blender in red, black or stainless? Apparently quite a few people love

them because a recent visit to their website shows a few models were no longer available. But they do have plenty such as the Designer 675. *BlendTec.com*.

Do you love bagels or other odd shaped breads toasted and yes you want it toasted on both sides, so no toaster over will do? Then the Kenmore Elite 4 Slice Toaster with wide slots is the perfect fit for you, with a 5 year warranty and nine pre-set shade settings should give you the one you prefer. *Sears.com*.

My favorite gadget this season was the IMUSA Lemon & Lime Squeezer. In my quest to drink more water this eliminates the excuse of “it's too much trouble to get fresh lemon juice.” And at only \$7.99 at *BedBathandBeyond.com*.

Holidays can be a hard time for those grieving

By Linda Mitchell

Holiday parties, sounds of merry music, festive foods and decorated homes are a welcome scene during the Christmas season, but for many, it can be a stark reality of the physical absence of a loved one due to death.

Statistics reveal that from Thanksgiving to New Years, the rate of suicide, homicide and other types of deaths peak to its' highest. It is the time of year where those who are spending their first holidays without that special loved one struggle the most.

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and consolation for families should not stop at the site of the interment, but there are stages and phases to grief, and the holiday season is a significant phase.

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know a little something about grief. Here are Holiday Grief Nuggets to help your family continue to focus on the celebration of your loved one's life:

Keep your Faith strong. Write a special prayer acknowledging their legacy while having a candle lighting ceremony. As a family, make a decision to worship together on a certain day. This is great way to keep children involved and understanding that Faith is an important part to the grieving process.

Keep the Legacy Alive. Involve Children in service opportunities that their loved one was may have

been passionate about. In lieu of shopping for gifts, consider giving legacy gifts to others.

Establish legacy traditions like serving at a homeless shelter, or donating coats to needy children and families in the name of your loved ones or by donating to another grieving family who may be in the beginning of the grief cycle. This is also a very healthy way for children to learn to live a life of service while remaining connected to the legacy of their loved one.

Linda Mitchell is the CEO of Black and Clark Funeral Home in Dallas, TX.

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Gift ideas for doggie at the top of your Christmas shopping list

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

I have grown to like cats, I even have a cat, but my heart belongs to dogs – Shelby in particular. Like so many American’s our pets are family, so why should



they be left out of the Christmas fun. The answer is they should not and here are a few great ideas:

First, not only is this Damask Pet Bowl from Zazzle dishwasher safe, but for those of you that actually heat up your food for your pooch, it is microwave safe too. What’s even more perfect is it can be personalized with the name of your dog.

Forget the pet store dog collars, try this Zazzle blue and coral diamond pattern collar is ideal for your fashionable pet. (Especially if they are silver, black and



white like Shelby!)

Treats When you have an older pet, hard crunchy snacks can be challenging. The Yapple Nanas and PB Nanas Treats are not only easy to chew but one of several healthier options offered by Bil Jac.

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Even though your four-legged friend has likely been bad from time to time,

you should still consider giving them this oversized toy from HomeGoods to play with, after all it is Christmas.

Yes Fido wants to show off their Texas pride too! So this collar from State Traditions will have the looking fashionably leashed on their next visit to the dog park.



Daily fashion flair ideas for holiday gift bags

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

A cork cap – doesn’t sound sexy does it? But believe me the Pelcor Cork Sport Cap is! Actually made from cork, every cap is unique and waterproof. Would look great with your better jeans and their Cedar Tote bag we spotlighted earlier.

Gifts that give back are rewarding in many ways. The Ronald McDonald Beanie add fun to your look, but it is also very well



made. One on of our few really cold days so far, I put it on and kept me quite toasty. Your loved one with personality will love it, and you will be helping a worthy cause.

Lastly on the hat trend, Wallaroo’s Cascade rain hat is lightweight, comfortable and has a bit of down under

coolness factor that makes you think of a fedor. More importantly the water resistant fabric will keep you dry – if it ever really rains in Dallas again.

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Richland student offers friendship and good cheer to hospice seniors

There's no question that Richland College student Rebekah Land is dedicated to her studies and getting to work on time. But lately, some special senior citizens have been bringing out another side of her personality and helping her grow as a person.

Land, who will graduate from Richland College with her associate degree in business math and science in May, has been volunteering throughout the past semester with Angel Care Hospice at Wellington Assisted Living in Richardson.

"I'm usually a run-around, study harder, get to work on time, never hang out, sometimes make-time-for-a-book kind of person," said Land. "I'm a very driven perfectionist and a workaholic 19-year-old. Angel Care Hospice has helped me continue to develop my softer side, which usually gets shoved in a corner."



Cutline: Richland College student Rebekah Land, pictured here on the Richland College campus, spends her free time volunteering with the elderly at Angel Care Hospice of Richardson. Photo by Paul Knudsen.

Land has always had a soft spot where the elderly are concerned and previously volunteered at a nursing home. She connected with Angel Care Hospice after finding the organization through Richland College's Service Learning program, and it has been a

great fit for both her and the patients.

Service learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen

communities.

Brenda Patton, director of nursing and volunteer coordinator at Angel Care Hospice, said Land's work has been incredibly appreciated by the patients.

"What an incredible

young lady," said Patton. "Patients will light up when they hear she is coming. They just love seeing her."

As a companion services volunteer, Land spends time with the patients. She helps them with small tasks such

as getting ready or getting items if necessary, but her primary task is to simply talk to residents and socialize. Land sometimes reads to patients, and she has also

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What to get the coffee (or tea) lover in your life

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Yes sometimes it does actually get cold enough in Dallas to send us rushing for our favorite hot beverage. For the coffee and tea lover on your Christmas list, here are a few ideas:

James Fayal, one of the co-founders of Zest Tea, happen to pop up in a chat message offering assistance



when I visited the lovely website (very soothing). Initially I had no idea I was

not simply speaking with a customer service rep. As the co-founder of a small busi-

ness, Fayal acknowledges the need to wear different hats. However, this provided me with an excellent opportunity to ask what lead him to start a tea company.

"I was looking for a tea alternative to the coffee and energy drinks I consumed in copious quantities while trying to stay alert at work and in general. I was always an avid tea fan, so I really

created it for myself to start."

Tea fans looking for a healthier alternative to energy drinks can celebrate the fact he did. In several unique flavors, Zest Teas are blended to include a combination of caffeine and L-Theanine. This duo allows you to enjoy the energy of boost of caffeine without the usual side effects of "jitters" often that

often comes along with that 3 o'clock caffeine rush.

All that is interesting but how does it taste? Delicious, as an Earl Grey fan, this was a perfect answer to that late afternoon lull. My premium tea-loving co-worker, complimented how well the Pomegranate Mojito Green tea stood up to her preferred longer steep-

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and Andrea Elliott brought their 12-year-old grandson, Jeremiah, to use the march as a teachable moment.

"I brought my grandson to his first march so he understands that what he is doing is right. We're teaching him solidarity...and that he can speak up and be non-violent without being afraid," she says. "We as a people have to stick together and be more involved.... We have to go to the source, where the laws are made, to put our foot on their necks."

As they planned their attendance, Jeremiah asked about previous civil rights demonstrations, police violence, and tear gas.

"It's not fair to kill Black people because you have the power and authority to do stuff like this that we can't," he says of his personal reasons for attending. "I don't think it's fair to kill Black people for no reason."

University of Maryland students and Divine Nine fraternity members Marcus Davis, Justin Ferguson, and Akiel Pyant carried a "Black Lives Matter" banner.

"I'm here because I'm concerned about the future. If our grandparents went through this, and we're going through this, Lord only knows what my grandchildren will go through," says Davis, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

The light police presence blocked traffic and generally stayed out of the way as the loud but peaceful pro-

cessional traveled six blocks to the main stage at the foot of the Capitol's front lawn. Both national and international media were present, as well as union organizations, Black Greek letter organizations, civic and grassroots organizations, student groups, and families. Marvin Gaye's 'What's Going On' and 'What's Happening Brother' met the marchers as they arrived at the main stage, where media trucks, government Suburbans, and a stilted press box overflowing with photographers flanked the crowds.

With the Capitol as a backdrop, the main stage featured a lineup of speakers including Representative Al Green (D-Texas), Newark, N.J. Mayor, Ras Baraka, Howard University Student Association President, Leighton Watson, and more. Activist and radio host, Joe "The Black Eagle" Madison served as master of ceremonies.

The lineup also featured the unexpected addition of a young contingent of Ferguson, Mo. protesters. At the gathering point before the march, where a different set of speakers addressed the crowd, about 15 members of the ad-hoc D.C. Ferguson group occupied the stage area, using chants and bullhorns to call attention to the fact that Ferguson protesters had not been invited as partners.

The group has been demonstrating since August, and was responsible for shutting down I-395 in

protest last month.

Two DC Ferguson members and one Ferguson native and protester bypassed security and took to the stage. Security attempted to remove them without force. As the NAN speaker at the podium tried to speak over the commotion with calls for "respect for one another" and unity, Erika Totten, one of the D.C. Ferguson members onstage, used a bullhorn to say, "They have been out there for more than 100 days."

After several minutes of heated exchange onstage between the contingent and several National Action Network organizers, the organizers allowed Totten to speak at the podium. She spoke very briefly then passed the microphone to St. Louis native and Ferguson protester, Johnetta Elzie.

"I've been in Ferguson for 127 days. I got shot one time with a rubber bullet standing on my neighborhood street. I've been tear gassed nine times in a neighborhood where I pay taxes, because I decided to exercise my First Amendment rights and go protest for the death of Mike Brown," Elzie said. "This movement was started by the young people. We started this. It should be young people all over this stage."

Afterward, an NAN representative approached the group and spoke to Totten about building an alliance.

At the main stage after the march, Rep. Green, Madison, and Sharpton addressed the discord between

youth and grassroots actions, and those organized by civil rights leaders.

"We who are a little older, a little grayer, are proud of the young people speaking out," said Madison, referring to youth protesters as young John Lewises and Fanie Lou Hamer, two civil rights legends.

Green echoed similar statements, adding that elders were not here to lead, but to "get out of the way."

Sharpton added, "We don't all agree with each other. We don't all have the same tactics. But we all have the same goal, and that is equal protection under the law. This is not a Black march, or a White march...it is an American march for the rights of all American people."

The Washington march was also the only one attended by the families of well-known unarmed Black male victims: Eric Garner,

Michael Brown, Akai Gurrey, Tamir Rice, John Crawford III, Lavar Jones, Cory Ball Jr., Trayvon Martin, and Amadou Diallo. All of the families were given time to speak.

"We've been here so many times. I know in 2000, when the four White officers were acquitted of killing my son, of all charges, I thought the world was ending," said Kadiatou Diallo. Her unarmed son Amadou Diallo was shot 41 times by four New York Police Department officers in 1999. "...We said stop police brutality then. And today, 16 years later, we're here demanding the same thing."

After the march, traffic slowly reopened and the crowd mingled, making connections, walking back to chartered buses, and taking photos. Waiting for police to allow buses through, Washington resident Has-

san Furtick encouraged his son to record the passing demonstrators and thank them.

"I don't like [police shootings]. That could be mine. There's no justice for us, but if it was one of theirs, there would be justice," he said. He hadn't talked to his son about the shootings, but ideas were already forming.

"People feel unsafe and not comfortable going outside. When there is an emergency you're supposed to call 911. There's no reason for people to have to feel unsafe," says 11-year-old Hassan Furtick Jr. "Black people should not be living like this. People say Black people are not going to make it in life, and bad things will always happen to us, but we try to make it work. And we will keep trying."

More happy winners...



At left, Daniel Saldana won tickets to the Fiesta Charra.

Above, Kandace and Ava hosted the screening of Annie @ Northpark

Win tickets to see Ronald K. Brown with TITAS on Jan. 17

The TITAS 2015 Season will feature a diverse array of artists ranging from the soulful performances of Ronald K. Brown/Evidence Dance Company to the Dallas debut of critically-acclaimed cellist Maya Beiser in Concert to France's amazing Ballet Biarritz with their full length *Cinderella*.

Ronald K. Brown's show on Jan. 17 will offer soulful choreography that is to be experienced not watched. His stories and movement express traditional themes of community, ritual and collective experience.

In Brown's words, he wants his work to represent "all the information that has gone into us – the stories,

the history. It is really the human experience." Ron Brown's brilliant choreography, Grace, was recently seen in Dallas with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Company.

Ronald K. Brown/Evidence returns to Dallas with an evening of dance celebrating the music of Stevie Wonder.

Performance tickets to TITAS Presents Command Performance begin at \$12 and are available at www.attpac.org/titas, 214-880-0202 or in person at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Information Center, 2353 Flora Street.

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Black Nativity takes you back to church for Christmas

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

TeCo Theatrical Production's 2014 *Black Nativity* production will warm your heart, lift your spirits and take you back home — your church home — for Christmas. The company provides a new spin on Langston Hughes' legendary search for the true meaning of our Christmas celebrations.

The show debuted off Broadway on Dec. 11, 1961 and has continued around the country annually ever since. Each year of TeCo's 21 history they have brought the play to stage under the direction of a different director to give audi-



TeCo's *Black Nativity* (Photo Credit: Deon Q via Facebook)

ences a new way of seeing the familiar themes. This year the director is Selmoe Haines III and the Musical Director is Michael Hub-

bard, Jr. So, back in the day, if you ever worked in the Sunday School Department you know what it is like to put

on the annual Christmas play. And let's admit it, a few of us promised ourselves we were done with that. However, in TeCo's *Black Nativity I* was reminded of the wonderment of the night (or Sundays at 3 p.m.) when all the hard work of the children and

volunteers is brought to life. When kids don't stand in the right spot or say their lines just right, but they sing their hearts out. Their faces beam with pride as moms and dads (a few who only show up on CME – and you know what that stands for) watch their baby say their

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Annie could be better, but manages to be entertaining

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Those familiar with the original also will catch a smattering of amusing nods to the film's comic-



strip origins, such as a band named the Leapin' Lizards (Annie's favorite exclamation), as well as references to Daddy War-

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Don't let tempting predatory loans spoil holidays

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA Columnist

From Christmas carols to decorations that celebrate the season, the holidays mark the time of year when families and loved ones anticipate joyous celebrations and gift-giving. It's a season when excesses can easily go beyond over-eating to over-spending, bringing debts that can last well into the New Year.

The holidays are also a time when predatory lenders actively use tempting advertisements of extra cash to seek potential victims. If your holiday list calls for more money than available, don't make the mistake of falling into the trap that may take most of next year to escape.

Car title lenders can put not only your household

budget at risk, but your car as well. With promises such as a 50 percent interest off of the first month, or \$25 cash payment for referring new customers, these financial predators will take a title to a borrower's vehicle in exchange for several hundred or even a few thousand dollars.

Like payday loans, these enticements are designed to trap consumers into predatory loans that are certified debt traps that few consumers can fully repay in just a single payment. The typical car title loan carries a 300 percent annual percentage rate. While borrowers are only loaned a fraction of their vehicle's value, if vehicles are repossessed, car-title lenders have the right to sell the vehicle at fair market prices, pocketing the profit from its sale –

despite borrowers still being stuck with paying debt.

According to research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), each year one particular predatory loan product drains \$4.3 billion in fees on loans valued at \$1.9 billion. Nationwide, car title lenders operate in 21 states through more than 8,100 retail outlets. States with annual loan volumes surpassing \$100 million per year include: Alabama, Arizona, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The road of predatory car title loans leads most often to one of two dead-ends: refinancing the loans in exchange for paying another hefty fee or losing the car to repossession. The typical car title borrower refinances their original loan eight times. As a result, CRL research finds that the typical

borrower pays twice as much in interest and fees (\$2,349) as the amount of credit extended (\$1,042).

Nor will repossession be the end of fated consumers' financial obligations. The loan payments and all applicable fees must still be repaid despite the loss of the vehicle. Adding to this misery, repossessions usually lead to a new series of increasingly difficult lifestyle adjustments: reliably arriving at work on time, managing personal business or even accessing medical care.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) found that the typical car-title borrower earns \$25,000 or less and often comes from unbanked household, those lacking a relationship with mainstream financial institu-

tions. For communities of color, one in five Black and Latino households is unbanked.

Military members are similarly targeted by these financial predators. Earlier this year, both the U.S. Department of Defense and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau publicly addressed how consumer loan terms circumvented the Military Lending Act (MLA) intended to remove financial stress from active duty members. Since MLA's enactment, some lenders have extended loan terms to more than the 180-day period cited in the law. Some extensions are as little as one day or 181 days.

When financial challenges already haunt most low-to-moderate-income consumers, those consider-

ing these loans should ask themselves: "Is this the way I want to begin my New Year?"

"Car title loans, like payday loans, are designed to create a long-term cycle of debt," said Diane Standaert, CRL's director of state policy. "Whether big or small, car title loans lead borrowers down a road of financial disaster. State and federal lawmakers have the ability to enforce against the car-title debt trap and should do so."

This year, keep your holiday safe from predatory lending. There's nothing 'merry' about debt traps.

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annual play complete with praise and worship dancers, and even live animals.

All of that is fine, but I bet none of them will have a rapping Men in Black kinda of angel to deliver the good news to Joseph like Black Nativity. And trust me you have NOT lived until you have seen a group of kids perform karaoke or lip sync to a Rev. James Cleveland song. Yes, that happened and it was so funny!

And while the first act is filled with laughter, in the second act we really go back to church, and yes that certainly includes laughter. However, we are reminded about the fact that everyone who smiles on Sunday morning in their finest outfit, ain't really happy inside. It was wonderful to hear a truly soul stirring old hymn like Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah – complete with a little soloist "drama." But I must admit, usually I am not the biggest fan of the popular gospel song Break Every Chain, but the combination of Denise Baker's heartfelt performance with the featured Angel Dancer Donald

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Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday which celebrates family, community and culture celebrated from Dec. 26 thru Jan. 1.

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Umoja (OO-MO-JAH) Unity stresses the importance of togetherness for the family and the community, which is reflected in the African saying, "I am We," or "I am because We are."
Kujichagulia (KOO-GEE-CHA-GOO-LEE-YAH) Self-Determination requires that we define our common interests and make decisions that are in the best interest of our family and



community.

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Ujamaa (OO-JAH-MAH) Cooperative economics em-

phasizes our collective economic strength and encourages us to meet common needs through mutual support.

Nia (NEE-YAH) Purpose encourages us to look within ourselves and to set personal goals that are beneficial to the community.

Kuumba (KOO-OOM-

BAH) Creativity makes use of our creative energies to build and maintain a strong and vibrant community.

Imani (EE-MAH-NEE) Faith focuses on honoring the best of our traditions, draws upon the best in ourselves, and helps us strive for a higher level of life for humankind, by affirming our self-worth and confidence in our ability to succeed and triumph in righteous struggle.

Kwanzaa seeks to enforce a connectedness to African cultural identity, provide a focal point for the gathering of African peoples, and to reflect upon the Nguzo Saba, or the seven principles. People of all religious faiths and backgrounds practice Kwanzaa.

Books to put under the Christmas tree this year

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

My absolutely favorite coffee table book this season was *Grandma's Hands: Cherished Moments of Faith and Wisdom* is Dr. Calvin Mackie. He captured over 100 proverbs, verses and familiar quotes that reflect the wisdom

only a grandmother (by birth or by love) can share. It reflects the knowledge some of us grew up with but unfortunately is not getting passed on as often these days. Order this book today, and cherish the book filled with words of hope, wisdom and love forever.

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ing sequence, Daddy Warbucks' bald head and even to the Annie comic-strip with a band named Leapin' Lizards. Annie 2.0 stays true to the story but with a few modern tweaks. First, Annie (Quvenzhané Wallis) loses the red hair and gains a very big afro. And instead of a group home she lives in

a foster home in Harlem with Miss Hannigan (Cameron Diaz), a bitter musician who is also mean and drunk. She is loaned out temporarily to a deep-pocketed cell-phone mogul will Stacks (Jamie Foxx) to take "game changing" pictures to boost his failing mayoral campaign.

The efforts to modernize the story line is endless but Will Gluck forgot one important thing...it's a musical and musicals need actors who can sing.

Jaime Foxx is the only actor with singing bonafides. But you can tell that he is holding back in an effort to not upstage ... well ... everyone. Cameron Diaz butchers "Little Girls". I

had to cover my ears.

Wallis' does manage to pull off one magical moment when she sings "Opportunity" — one of four new songs written for the film by pop star Sia and Greg Kurstin.

Although not a runaway hit, Annie is a family film that manages to be entertaining.

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wheeled an Alzheimer's patient around in a wheelchair.

"Often, the most important thing I can do is talk with them and give them my friendship," said Land. "Spending time with someone who is all cooped up and in their last stage of life adds more value to their day than one can imagine."

Patton agrees. "They get so lonely, so sometimes just carrying on a regular conversation can help so much," she said.

Upon graduation from Richland College, Land plans on attending either Southern Methodist University or the University of North Texas in the fall. Eventually, she hopes to be an accountant. Meanwhile, Land will continue her studies at Richland College and

look forward to another semester volunteering with Angel Care Hospice.

"Feeling love jump out of your heart and into someone else's, even when they barely know you, is something I can't get enough of," said Land.

Angel Care Hospice is always looking for additional volunteers to provide companionship for its patients. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the hospice at 972-301-5600.

Continuously committed to its college mission of "teaching, learning and community building," this holiday season, Richland College is showcasing some of the amazing ways Richland College faculty, students and staff are giving back to the community

through volunteering with local nonprofits or helping others who might need a

hand. We look forward to sharing these stories with you.

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December 21 and 28
Join us this Sunday for our praise and worship services at 9:30 a.m. at 1550 Edelweiss Drive in Allen and bring someone with you; you will be blessed.

December 24
You're invited to our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word at Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 W. Belmont Drive in Allen.

December 31, 10:30 p.m.
Join us for our "2015 Watch Night" New Year Services of Worshipping and Praising God for His Blessings in our Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall at 200 W. Belmont Drive in Allen. Breakfast will be served after service.

Dr. W. L. Stafford, Sr., Ed.D.
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December 24, 7 p.m.
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December 21, 4 p.m.
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December 21, 6 p.m.
Come back and enjoy our Annual Christmas Concert. You will be blessed with music, songs, and the playing of various instruments as praises go up to God.

December 24, 7 p.m.
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December 22, 7 p.m.
You're invited to join us in Monday School as we learn what God has to say to us.

December 25, 10 a.m.
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Christmas: An act of worship (synopsis). Matthew 2:1-12

1) After Jesus was born



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in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem. 2) And asked, "Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." . . .

. . . 11) On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

This media advertisement is encouraging people to remember the real meaning of Christmas. Then the picture fades to a mattress company delivering a truckload of furniture to a needy family.

Also, I read a commentary in the paper whose author was a grandfather. He said this year he could no longer be cynical about Christmas, now he wanted

to reflect on its true meaning and the warm feeling it brings into his heart because of the excitement it brings to his grandchildren.

Both ideas are good, but they both missed the point of the real meaning of Christmas. Christmas is more than good deeds and good feelings. Christmas is a time of Worship.

There are some wrong attitudes towards Worship that exist today. Some people see Worship occurring only when you go to church. Worship is more than going to church; it doesn't occur only on Sunday mornings, it doesn't occur only in a big room with a big cross in the front of it.

Nor is it the experience of good and/or soul-stirring music. These are all expressions of religious practices. We can engage in these practices without ever having worshipped God.

Worship gives God, our Heavenly Father, respect, honor and glory. Worship occurs when we recognize our insignificance and acknowledge Christ's deity. Christmas is a time to Worship and Praise God.

The most important thing we can do during this time

of the year is to stop, Worship and Praise God for what He has done. We are called to be worshippers.

Worshippers will be inconvenienced, as the, ". . . "Magi from the east to Jerusalem" they came a great distance; yet, they stopped what they were

doing and took the time to worship Jesus. People do what is important to them. We are told to prioritize worshipping God. Hebrews 10:25.

Worshippers steps out on Faith. The wise men followed a star. They packed their bags, gathered their

supplies and traveled for an extended period of time based on a sighting in the sky.

We celebrate Christmas because Christ was born to take your place and die for you. Do you know him today?

Worshippers show God proper respect; "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him."

The word Worship means to "bow down and respect." God is not "the man upstairs", He is the Almighty, Creator and a Sovereign God.

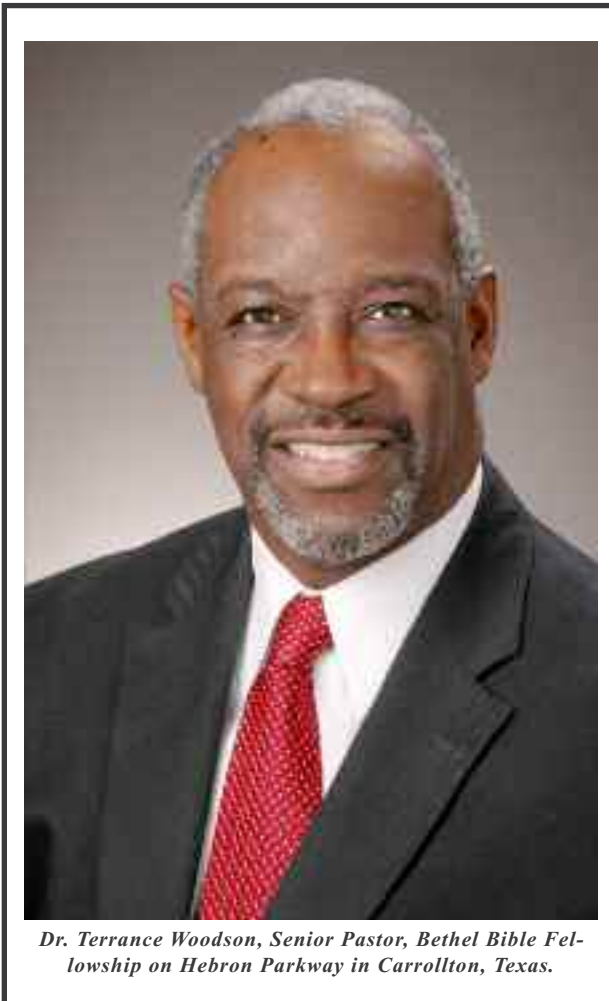
Worshippers sacrificially give of their personal finances but more importantly, they give of themselves. "Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." Matthew 1:11.

Gold acknowledged Christ's deity or purity. Frankincense acknowledged the fragrance of Christ's life. Myrrh (used for embalming) acknowledged Christ death.

The more important an individual is to a person, the more they spend on them. Is God important to you? Does your giving reflect your commitment to Him?

The Bible tell us about David's attitude towards giving, as found in 2 Samuel 24:24; "But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

The story is also told that David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. Make WORSHIP your response to Christmas, always.



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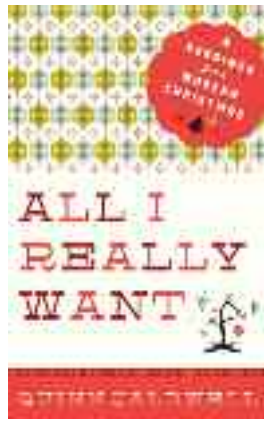
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NDG Book Review: *All I Really Want* is one to check out

Presents wrapped? Check. Tree decorated – check. Cookies made? Groceries purchased, shopping finished, school programs scheduled, Santa visits done? Check, check and... check.

You love the holidays, but there's no denying that they can be stressful. The last thing you want is to put more on your To-Do List, but when you add "All I Really Want" by Quinn Caldwell, you'll see things in a more-relaxed way.

But first, the disclaimer: Caldwell says that this book isn't meant to be all hints-and-tips. It won't help you get organized, simplify, or



create the "Best Christmas Ever in five easy steps." Caldwell says that's not his job, and it's not God's; instead, you'll find a few complications here, as well as some hope for "a little holy breathing space" – be-

ginning with the first of Advent.

Christmas, as you undoubtedly noticed, didn't start after Thanksgiving: retailers have had their holiday decorations up for months. They couldn't wait for the season, but it may seem as though wait is all you do lately. There is a virtue in waiting, says Caldwell, and Advent is when to find it. Pause; "be prepared for little bursts of delight."

It takes wide-open eyes to do that, though, and time, which is at a premium these days. Caldwell says that lack of time is exactly when you want to "add a holy something to your to-do

list." Volunteer, make a donation to a charity, visit someone who needs you, be kind to someone.

And on that last one – if you "get stuck, look in the mirror."

Go to church; now's when you need people around you. Let your kids believe in Santa, because he teaches them about "dwelling in mystery."

Sing with someone, even if you "can't carry a tune in a bucket." Keep in mind that, like anybody, God would surely rather that his birthday party is "full of fun."

And yet, if you're having a bad Christmas, remember

that that's why we have Christmas in the first place. Christmas was "born in defiance of all that stalks the world and tries to snuff its light."

"If the only spirit you can get into is low," says Caldwell, "you're just who God is looking for."

Two words: De. Lightful. There's just no other way to describe "All I Really Want."

And here's the thing: I didn't expect to like this book. I figured it was just more guilt-inducing platitudes, more blah-blah-blah-Christmas, but nothing could be further from the truth: it's joyous!

Author Quinn Caldwell uses humor and a bit of irreverence in prodding his readers into slowing down, noticing, seeing God's gifts in addition to those under the tree. He makes us think about Mary and Joseph. He makes us laugh about God's "epic party."

Sprinkled with Bible verses, meditations, and tiny prayers that can be recited day and night, I think this is a perfect book for anyone who's had enough ho-ho-ho and wants to replace it with more ho-ho-holy. If that's you, then "All I Really Want" is a book to check out.

Unique gift ideas for the kids

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

You cannot have a Christmas gift guide and not discuss toys, books and t-shirts for the kids so let's cut to the chase.

When I was a little girl, you had maybe two options for African American dolls, which is one of the reasons I probably never had much of an interest in dolls. Now, every major brand offers a diverse roster of pretty dolls in various hues. The One World Doll Project offers lovely little ladies who are not only diverse, but they are hip and fashionable. They feature Lena (African American), Valencia (Latina), Kimani (African) and Dahlia (South Asian). You can find (and should



look for!) Prettie Girls! at your local WalMart this year or visit PrettieGirls.com.

TWT - TX Towns Navy YouthIn Texas, we enjoy showing off our Texas pride early and with the Tumbleweed TexStyles tee, they can can do it style! My favorite is the Texas Towns, which is sorta fun to look (alright maybe some of us need a magnifying glass!) to find your hometown. Then try to figure out how many Texas cities you have visited. Created by two edu-



cators from Frisco, they offer plenty of shirts and Texas pride products at their website Tumbleweed-textstyles.myshopify.com.

Who needs Kate Spade when your favorite little diva can have an original Katie BestieBag. Katie is just one of several designs which are incredibly unique and while not quite be the answer for you, but the growing online community of tweens love the bags which come with their own persona bio and keychain. I like Vanessa, who is not

only a movie fan but is mysterious and loves purple. Visit BestieBag.com for more fun and details.

Banfield-BookWe hate to think about it but sometimes our puppies need to see the doctor too. This year Banfield Pet Hospital is offering an adorable picture book, My Very Very Busy Day! The book follows the tale of a day in the life of a blue dog named Captain Noodle who falsely claims to be the best friend of Kitty his roommate. The books are available national at the Banfield Pet Hospitals for a suggested donation of \$10, with all of the money going to their foundation which provides preventative care and food for animals. More info at Banfield.com.

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ENDS: Easy Menus for Causal Entertaining All Year Round – This is a book you want to stop, grab a glass of wine and page flags, sit back and enjoy. Filled with interesting info about the region, practical entertaining tips and elegant recipes.

Sons of Anarchy: The Official Collector's Edition - I saw only a sneak peek of the book earlier this fall and I wanted to sit down and watch the series from the beginning with



this book in hand. For your true fan deeply missing Jax and the gang, this hefty book will cheer them up.

Blood Profit\$: The Lithium Conspiracy – For your favorite thriller action fan, this is a the perfect choice by local author James N. Patrick. Filled with Mafia and Wall Street conspiracies in smoky political backrooms, it might feel a little too real for comfort.



In memory of Eula Mae Faggett, 1924-2014

Eula Mae Faggett was born in Rodessa, La. on Nov. 1, 1924. She was the daughter of Lafayette and Evelyn Caldwell. Her siblings included Earnestine Green, William Henry (Jack) Caldwell, Cleve Caldwell and Fredonia Super.

She graduated from Hurd Beauty College in Marshall, Texas and was the owner of two beauty salons in Mar-

shall. She met and married Edison Faggett. To this union four children were born; Phyllis Holmes, Willie E. Faggett, Wallace Faggett and Bervin Faggett.

After moving to Dallas she began private duty nursing.

In her lifetime, she was affiliated with numerous churches including; Mount Zion Spiritual Church of

Marshall, El Bethel Baptist Church of Dallas, Ervay Cedar Baptist Church of Dallas, Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas, Great Mt. Sinai Baptist Church of Dallas, where she served as President of the Women's Auxilliary Mission for over 20 years and prepared many meals in the church kitchen.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son Wallace

(Edna), sisters Earnestine Green of Dallas, Frednia Super of Kansas City, Kan., and cousin Ida Bell Patton of Texarkana, Ark., as well as ten grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Special friends include; Mrs. Cynthia Harris, Mrs. Marjorie Jones, Mrs. Lettie McCullough, Mrs. Marie Blair, Isha Hall, Zarus Miller and Todd Wordlaw (Little Man).

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hospital and medical staffs of Windsor Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lancaster and Elysian Hospice Care Network, Dr. John Demopolus and Neighbors on Fordham Road for providing care over the years. The Greater Mt. Sinai Church Family, the Order of the Eastern Star and to Ms. Earnestine Green for always being there.

