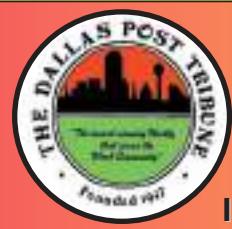


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The World Grieves the Tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut



Several hundred people turned out for a candlelight vigil in Jonesboro to mourn the victims of the Connecticut school shooting rampage/ AP Photo

By Ms. Chloe Buckley

The world is grieving the tragedy that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on Friday, December 14, 2012. The deadly rampage at the Elementary School took the lives of 20 children and six adults. President Barack Obama spoke at an interfaith vigil for families of the victims, and all families from Sandy Hook Elementary School. He offered the love and prayers of a nation grieving alongside Newtown, in which he stated:

"Here in Newtown, I come to offer the love and prayers of a nation. I am very mindful that mere words cannot match the depths of your sorrow, nor can they heal your wounded hearts. I can only hope it helps for you to know that you're not alone in your grief; that our world too has been torn apart; that all across this land of ours, we have wept with you, we've pulled our children tight."

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DALLAS ISD: WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

Parents can make a huge impact on their child's education. Research shows that students perform better in school when their parents or guardians are involved at the school level. For school district's, parent engagement is a critical component to ensuring student success in the classroom and beyond.



Mrs. Jule Maxwell

Dallas ISD has many outstanding parents who are making a difference in their child's education by getting involved. Each month, through the district's new Parent Spotlight feature, dedicated parents will be recognized for their great support and commitment to district students and schools.

Our first Parent Spotlight focuses on Jule Maxwell, a parent volunteer at Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership Academy where her daughter attends.

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The Dallas Post Tribune Congratulates President Barack Obama on being named Time Magazine "Person of the Year"



(AP) - Time Magazine has named U.S. President Barack Obama "Person of the Year" for the second time, citing his historic re-election last month as symbolic of the nation's shifting demographics and the rise of younger, more diverse Americans.

In announcing its annual selection on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, the magazine called President Obama the "Architect of the New America."

"He's basically the beneficiary and the author of a kind new America - a new demographic, a new cultural America that he is now the symbol of," Time editor Rick Stengel said of Obama, who was also selected for the honor in 2008 when he became the nation's first black president.

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EDITORIAL

Why the Richest 5% Should Want to Pay More Taxes: The Series

Wind River Systems, based in Alameda, California, is a company born in part and wholly propelled with government assistance. So much of the American Dream and their inventors start with the same genesis. It is true that some American multi millionaires admit that the government helped them reach penthouse status. Millionaire comedian/actor Bill Cosby, American's favorite father, just admitted in an interview that government assistance helped his family prevail when he was a child. It is fair to recognize that some of the richest have generously given back to the country that embraced their idealisms. Some of them have acute amnesia. Others do not give a damn while the remaining ones have a global brand name for contributing to the welfare and care of future America and our neighbors.

The growing concern is that the 'don't give a damn' generation is too large to ignore, too arrogant to remember their humble roots or the propeller that put them there.

Wind River Systems' founder, CEO, Chairman is one of the generous American. Jerry Fiddler, a software engineer, acknowledges that his success involved many parts, starting with and including public education. He borrowed money from family and friends but continued to receive government grant investment for research.

After several years of working on major inventions such as the global positioning system (GPS) and digital cameras, the company was sold to Intel in 2009 for \$884. Jerry Fiddler's share was \$40 million. He used his share to "help people start companies" in Silicon Valley. He continues enhancing American students as an adjunct professor of entrepreneurship at the University of California at Berkeley and as guest lecturer and mentor at Stanford University.

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The Dallas Post Tribune Solicits Your Prayers for the Families of the Sandy Hook Elementary Tragedy Victims

DALLAS ISD EMPLOYEE RECEIVES HERO AWARD



Mr. Larry Barlow and Dallas County DA Craig Watkins

Mr. Larry Barlow reported to work on Tuesday, Dec. 11, thinking it was just a normal day. To his surprise, a special assembly was conducted in his honor for heroic actions he took nearly 30 years ago that helped save a woman's life. Students, staff and several members of Barlow's family attended.

Mr. Barlow, a custodian at Harry C. Withers Elementary, was presented a Hero Award by Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins. It was the first such award presented by the DA's office.

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY ALL YEAR!



Seniors Actively Guiding Education (SAGE) Retiree Group



Ferguson Fotos

Seated in the picture: Kathryn Mitchell (Treasurer), Dr. Areatha Jones (Parliamentarian)

Daisy Davis (Secretary), Donny Jolly (Corresponding Secretary), Asper Harper (Vice Chairperson) Kay F. Hunter (Chairperson) Dr. Charmaine Price (Founder), Pearline Watson (Financial Secretary), Mary Jo Evans (Program Chairperson)

Second Row: Gloria Lett, Garline Shaw, Patsy Peoples, Christine Richardson, Marva Curry, Janet Thomas, Lena Anderson, Rachel McGee, Arlene West, Alnita Smith

Third Row: Robert Price, Evelyn Foreman, Alnetta Roy, Dr. Kendall Beck, Dr. Mary Beck, Jeannie City, Mary Smith, Dr. Roscoe Smith, Gwendolyn Hill and Leon Liam

For the past seventeen (17) years, the SAGE Retiree Group has been a viable organization in the Dallas community. Founded by Dr. Charmaine Price, former principal of Harrell Budd Elementary School in the Dallas Independent School

Department, this group of educators consists of retired teachers, counselors, nurses, administrators and other education personnel. The purpose of the Seniors Actively Guiding Education (SAGE) Retiree Group is to establish and maintain

links with the African American community in order to nurture and support equity and equality in the educational processes involving all children, especially African American children.

Some of the activities in which the organiza-

tion is involved in are: the adoption of a school, serving as volunteers to mentor students and teachers, provide school supplies for children and provide scholarships to deserving high school seniors who seek higher education opportuni-

ties. The scholarship is named the "Charmaine Harper Price Scholarship" in honor of the organization's founder.

We invite all retired educators to join us, to help the organization continue to make a difference in the lives of

How Social Are You?

By Mrs. Cheryl Nielsen

Channel surfing over the weekend, I stopped on a favorite old romantic comedy that was centered on a relationship that blossomed over emails. The movie isn't even all that old, yet its premise now seems almost ancient. Because as we all know, in today's world there is a plethora of ways other than email to connect socially. Social media has exploded over the last 20 years. There is simply no way to avoid it; no matter how bah-humbug you may be over all this "new-fangled" connecting. (Mmm-hmm. You know who you are, Mr. and Ms. "You Can Call Me If You Want to Talk to Me"). According to Nielsen's latest Social Media Report, the total time spent on social media in the U.S. on both personal computers (PCs) and mobile devices (smart phones and tablets) jumped 37% between July 2011 and July 2012; from 88 billion minutes to 121 billion minutes.

As you know from reading this column regularly (right?) we love our mobile devices. Smartphones saturate more than 50% of the total mobile phone market. African-Americans account for 62% of smartphone owners; and tablets are owned by 20% of American households. It makes sense that our increased connectivity through the penetration of mobile devices has fueled the explosion of social media. Overall, more and more people are connecting to the internet and are connecting for longer periods of time. During the same time period, time spent on PCs and smartphones was up 21%. Of our time on the internet, the report shows that we spend more time on social networks than on any other sites, with computers still our device of choice. However, it also reports that app usage has seen the

biggest growth in accessing social content. Accessing mobile apps now accounts for more than one-third of social networking time across PCs and mobile devices. That is a 76% increase in social app time over last year.

And, where do we like to visit? Facebook is the reigning champ of time spent on social media whether people are getting there via their PCs, mobile web browsers or a mobile app. This is how the top social networks rank in the analysis of unique PC visitors in the U.S. over the last year:

Facebook	More than 1.5 billion
Blogger	58,518,000
Twitter	37,033,000
WordPress	30,945,000
LinkedIn	28,113,000
Pinterest	27,223,000
Google+	26,201,000
Tumblr	25,634,000
Myspace	19,680,000
Wikia	12,594,000

Pinterest has to be crowned the breakout star among the social networks. Even though it ranks sixth, its year over year change is up a whopping 1,047%. And, who is doing all of this picture and image pinning/bookmarking on the virtual pinboard site? Women - 70%, 84% and 72% via PC, mobile app and mobile internet, respectively. They are mostly white - 86% via PC, 79% via mobile app and 74% through mobile internet.

The Social Media Report shows that minority women, including African-Americans, have yet to warm up to Pinterest, with audience composition in the single

digits; with the exception of mobile internet access, which we penetrate at 10%.

The report's data reiterates what I have shared in previous columns: Americans are multi-taskers. Having a mobile device on-hand while watching TV is almost a requisite activity. Forty-one percent of tablet owners and 38% of smartphone owners use their device daily while watching the TV. While shopping and looking up program or product information, people are also chatting with their connections via their social networks- often about the show they are watching on TV. This is especially true on Twitter, which has emerged as a key driver of social TV interaction. During June 2012, more than a third of active Twitter users tweeted about TV-related content, which is an increase of 27% from the beginning of the year. Chances are, you're one of them, as all of the research shows that Black consumers are 30% more likely to visit Twitter than the average demographic and that we watch 40% more TV than other groups.

This behavior is so prevalent Nielsen and Twitter announced this week a new measurement service available at the start of the Fall 2013 TV season called "Nielsen Twitter TV Rating." The service will be a syndicated-standard metric around the reach of the TV conversation on Twitter.

How many of you have tweeted during your favorite show's season finale or during an extraordinary moment on a reality show? You know what all of this means, don't you? We consumers are better informed and more connected every day. Because of the exponential growth of social word-of-mouth and social engagement, this means we hold even more power than before.

DALLAS ISD EMPLOYEE RECEIVES HERO AWARD

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- Watkins asked students if they had seen Batman, Spiderman and Superman depicted as heroes. Real-life heroes are like them, he said, because their true identities are often secret. "There are heroes who walk amongst us and we don't even know who they are," he said. "There has been one hero who has walked amongst you for years."

Mr. Brandon Birmingham, a Dallas County prosecutor, said that heroes can come in

many different shapes, sizes, colors and ages. He discussed the case of a woman who was kidnapped, assaulted, shot and left to die in November 1983. The victim had been trying to flag down passing motorists for help.

"Larry Barlow stopped by the side of the road to help a stranger," Birmingham said. "He saw not a stranger, but another human being, someone who needed help."

The action is credited in helping the victim's life. The story was in the news recently because the case was retried against a new defendant after the two original suspects were exonerated. Marion Sayles was found guilty of attempted capital murder and received life in prison after DNA evidence connected him to the crime.

For Barlow, not stopping to help was something he just couldn't do.

"We're on this Earth to help people, and to love people," Barlow said, surrounded by TV cameras.

"Don't look the other way when people need help."

May the season bring you great joy!



By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

I would like to wish each of you and your families a wonderful holiday season. It is my prayer that grace and joy fill your hearts and that the coming year will bring great blessings to you and to those you love.

This is recognized as the season of giving. During this time of year people give gifts to those who are close to them. There are even some who give to those who they do not know. There is a spirit inside of them that allows

them to give beyond themselves.

Not too long ago a member of the New York City Police Department witnessed a homeless man who had no shoes or socks sitting on a cold pavement. He rushed to a shoe store and purchased a pair of boots for the man and knelt beside him as he placed them on the man's feet. That act was recorded by a tourist, and people the world over saw it in newspapers, on television and over the internet.

The act of the police officer represented the goodness that is in all of us. While we live in a world that often appears harsh, goodness does exist in the human spirit, allowing us to give and give unselfishly.

And that is what I wish all of us will continue to do during the holiday and throughout the New Year. We must check on the

elderly who live alone, help our young people as they struggle with the hurdles that life presents and volunteer with charities that reach out to assist those who battle daily to survive.

As an elected official, I promise you the gift of continued meaningful public service. I promise you that I will look after the best interests of those who elected me and others who live in Texas, and in our country.

I will continue to pray for each of you, and your wellness. I ask that you keep me and my family in your prayers. May you experience a blessed holiday season. May peace, joy and love continue to warm your hearts and your souls!

*Those who wish to correspond with me should write me at Joe.Green-Bishop@mail.house.gov

EDITORIAL PAGE

DEAR EDITOR:

A climate survey conducted of Dallas ISD staff November 1-16 shows that the majority of teachers and other district employees

believe that their schools are heading in the right direction.

More than 10,000 employees responded to the survey, including

78% of district teachers and 67% of all staff members. After receiving a high percentage of positive responses on this initial survey it is

believed to indicate a strong first step toward reaching the goals in Destination 2020."



By Mrs. Colleen White

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55) Once again this nation has been pulled together by tragedy. During this blessed Christmas season twenty precious little angels were gathered in the warm arms of our heavenly Father who holds children close to his heart. These precious gifts along with their protectors were tragically taken from this world of

chaos and despair. But if we believe in the Father He says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," (Hebrews 13:5). Knowing this, we as a nation and the families can begin to move forward slowly while the tears dry from our eyes.

The nation had a collective sigh and tears fell heavily upon our chests when we heard of the devastation that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut. None of us will forget this day nor the images of the little angels who had their entire lives ahead of them. Still there is one person who understands each family member's pain and

anguish. Our Heavenly Father has experienced death upon the cross. He has felt the sting of death and the joy of life everlasting. In the moment the little angels took their last breath, they stepped into the warmth of His arms.

Yet, in all this sadness that has wrapped our nation in a collective brotherhood; we can remember that life is fleeting. And as we move forward and look backward upon this day, we can see how we grew stronger as a nation, as a country, as individuals. The Bible says in Romans that we should be "devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one

another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10). If we can learn to live this verse in our daily lives with each other, then perhaps we can acknowledge that we are all connected in one way or another.

While you live your lives this week, please take a moment to send up a silent prayer to the Father for the families that are left behind. If we can keep them close in our hearts and minds during this blessed Christmas season, we can express the Christmas spirit of faith, love, and hope. Can you do that this week? I know I will. Amen? Amen.



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'A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF PSALMS "

JESUS CHRIST, THE WORD - St. John 1:1



Rev. Johnny C. Smith,
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One of the best Christological verses in the bible is found in St. John 1:1, which says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The verse before us tells us unequivocally that Jesus Christ is the Divine Son of God, with this verse emphasizing the "deity of Jesus Christ." By "deity" I mean that Christ ("the anointed one"), and Jesus ("His human name") was fully God. John gives us a beautiful presentation of the Godhead of Christ. The One who was announced by the angels to the shepherds, who walked these mundane shores for thirty-three years,

who presented many miracles to authenticate His claims, who was rejected by His people, who was crucified, and yet rose triumphantly from the grave, was none other than the matchless Son of God.

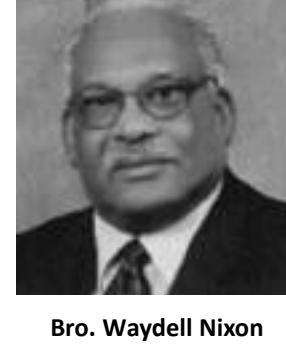
The Gospel writer here presents Jesus Christ as the "word." It is through words that we make known the extent of our thoughts. Therefore, words become a medium of expression. The "word" (logos-the Greek for word) articulated fully the essence of God in human terms. Jesus Christ came to reveal God more fully to finite man. The expression, "In the beginning," is an expression that transcends our level of finite thought, for we are not able to comprehend this elevated expression; yet John wants us to know that - "In the begin-

ning," Jesus Christ had a pre-existence. You see, the expression, "In the beginning," the article "the" is left out in the Greek and should read: "in beginning." Before time or creation, Jesus Christ as the Word had a pre-existence. This expression carries us out to a dateless existence, to a remote point of existence which our minds cannot grasp. Can you contemplate this thought: "not only was Christ from the beginning, but He was in the beginning. This expression transcends Genesis 1:1, and points us to pre-existence before time or creation. Not only does the Apostle John argue for the pre-existence, but he says that Christ had communion with God, and yet distinct in person as member of the Holy Trinity (God the Father, Son and Holy

Spirit).
Lastly, John says: "And the word was God. Jesus Christ is God and came to this sinful earth to reveal God more fully to infinite creatures like you and I. Yes, the world may be confused but those of us who have accepted God's final revelation to man know that Jesus Christ is God, and as the God-man, came to die for sinful mankind so that man through acceptance of Christ's finished work on the cross, and triumphant victory over sin, death and the grave might have a righteous standing before God (Romans 5:1). For your spiritual consideration, let us camp in the Gospel of John, and dine sufficiently from his lofty presentation of Jesus Christ.

May God Bless!

From a Biblical Perspective: Letter to a Searcher for God



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MATTHEW 23:15 "...because you travel about on sea and land to make one proselyte (convert); and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves." - 'twice as ripe for destruction.' (Phi) 'These converts become more bigoted and fanat-

ic than the scribes and the Pharisees themselves'

It is my hope that you can avoid the pitfalls that are all along the road to finding favor with God. I write as one who has been along that road, who has seen the narrow and the broad way (Matthew 7:12-13), and who has seen the various counterfeits of the truth that the devil has set up (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). I write as one who can give guidance (Acts

8:31) and warning (Ezekiel 3:17ff).
I. You Can Find.....

A. Friendliness In All Religious and Non-Religious Groups:

So don't make the mistake of assuming that a religious body is teaching the right way to God, just because they happen to be "nice and friendly people." Religious cults are notorious for practicing what is known as "love-bombing", i.e. were a potential member is

hugged by members, fed, given the impression that everything is pleasurable, involved in endless initiation discussions and receives constant attention. Someone has rightly called this practice, "heavenly deception."

In addition, those who have been in the world can attest that you can find some very friendly people in the "party-crowd". (1 Peter 4:3-4)

To Be Continued...

HOROSCOPES

December 20 - 26

ARIES

Someone in the family is ready to give you something. Open yourself up to it. Home improvement—mental, physical and spiritual—is this week's best theme. Seek the simple pleasures from a neglected hobby this week.

Soul Affirmation: I love charming, positive head games.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 26, 31

SCORPIO

You may find out this week that the project you didn't really want to work on has been scrapped. That leaves you plenty of time to finish up the stuff you want to work on! Money concerns ease up. This week a romantic get-together will remind you of what bliss really is!

Soul Affirmation: He who asks might seem foolish for a while.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 17

SAGITTARIUS

Keep an eye on your budget this week, but also indulge your creative senses with the visual and the tactile. You might find yourself wanting to "feel" something new in your hands. Just the feeling may be enough; you don't necessarily have to spend money to satisfy your artistic urge this week.

Soul Affirmation: Happiness is my only goal this week.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 15, 22

CAPRICORN

Call early in the week and make a date so you can catch the person that you want to spend time with this week. An old love may turn up in your romantic mix, and romance will be very sweet if you rise above the temptation to remember why you split in the first place!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2012

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN DALLAS - TRAINING ON DECEMBER 20

The Visiting Nurse Association needs volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels once a month in Dallas. The training will be held on December 20 at the same time and location. Volunteer training is also available by appointment.

For additional information call 214-689-2210 or go online at www.vnatexas.org.

DHS CHORAL PRESENTATION

Join the DHS Choral Department for Christmas Around the World: A Choral Celebration and Taste Fest on Thursday, December 20 at 7 p.m. in the DHS Café. Tickets are just \$10 and available at the school, 600 Eagle Drive.

AMBER TERRACE WINTER FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Come experience student art and music throughout the day at Amber Terrace Elementary on Thursday, December 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The extravagant event at the school, 224 Amber Lane, will include art displays and musical performances.

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Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Bible Class 11:00 a.m.

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Recognizing an Outstanding Student

The Dallas Post Tribune has chosen Noel Marie McMillian as Student of the Week.

She is the daughter of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Lisa McMillian. She is described as being lovable, funny and a very confident person due to her association with Christian education at FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN ACADEMY. Also, her family is very supportive of her, especially her grandparents Mr. Charles and Mrs. Cellis Lias. Noel is very athletic and some of her favorite sports are soccer, softball, basketball and track. She is involved with the school choir, yearbook staff and dance. She loves playing the piano and her favorite subject



Noel Marie McMillian

is math. Her favorites include the singing group, Mindless Behavior, the color red, chicken fingers and fries. Her other favorite past times are reading, listening to music and participating in outdoor activities. She is on the "A honor roll". In fact, last year she was accepted into the Duke Talented and Gifted program because of her test scores and this year she was accepted for the second time. Her participation in community service events, includes the NFL 360 project, and Operation Kindness Samaritan's Purse.

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Wednesday	6:30pm
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NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Methodist Health System had two babies born at 12:12 on 12/12!

At Methodist Charlton, Clara Isang and Melvin Johnson dio la bienvenida a bebé hija Moriah a las 12:12 pm el 12 de diciembre en el Methodist Charlton Medical Center. Moriah pesaba 4 libras 6 onzas y es 18" long. Moriah joins big sister Genesis. At Methodist Mansfield, the timely delivery of Jaleena Logan was very special at 12:12 p.m. on Dec. 12. Tracey Lewis gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) Green Line gets you to the rematch of the 1997 Alamo Bowl as Purdue University and Oklahoma State University play at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 1, in the 2013 Heart of Dallas Bowl.

Enjoy the rematch at the historic Cotton Bowl stadium, 15 years in the making, by riding DART to either of two Green Line stations — Fair Park, located on Parry Avenue at the entrance to the fairgrounds, and MLK, Jr., located south of R.B. Cullum Blvd. and convenient to both the MLK fairground entrance (Gate 6) and the Cotton Bowl Stadium.

Transferring to the Green Line from the Red, Orange and Blue lines is easy at any of the four downtown rail stations: West End, Akard, St. Paul or Pearl/Arts District.

A Local Day Pass for riders headed to the game (DART Rail and buses) is \$5 and can be purchased by cash or credit card at ticket vending machines located at all DART stations. Trinity Railway Express service from Fort Worth will not be available.

Additional details about DART service are available at DART.org or by calling Customer Information at 214-979-1111.

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(DART) Línea Verde Dallas Area Rapid Transit te lleva a la revancha del 1997 Alamo Bowl, como la Universidad de Purdue y la Universidad Estatal de Oklahoma jugar a las 11 am, el martes, 1 de enero de 2013 en el corazón de Dallas Tazón.

Disfrute de la revancha en el histórico estadio Cotton Bowl, de 15 años en la fabricación, montando DART a cualquiera de las dos estaciones de la Línea Verde — Fair Park, ubicado en la avenida Parada en la entrada del recinto feria, y Martin Luther King, Jr., ubicado al sur de RB Cullum Boulevard, y conveniente tanto para la entrada MLK recinto feria (Puerta 6) y el estadio Cotton Bowl.

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Thursday, December 20th

Six Days of Christmas
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"A Rooting Tooting Christmas"

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All Star Family Fun 7-9:00pm

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Mardi Family Story Project

Friday, December 21st

Five Days of Christmas

Winter Solstice 5:30-7:30pm

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Singing Hills Recreation Center

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Saturday, December 22nd

Four Days of Christmas
Interstate Cowboy Toy Giveaway

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Sunday, December 23rd

Three Days of Christmas
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Annual Citywide Kwanzaa Celebrations

Dec. 26-Jan. 1, 2012-2013

Umoja (oo-MO E-jah)Unity Wed. Dec. 26, 2012

To strive for a principled and harmonious togetherness in the family, community, nation and race-UNITY.

10:30 AM Griot Storyteller, Afi Bell, will share Kwanzaa stories, songs, drumming, dance, arts and crafts. Join the celebration at Bookmarks Library at North Park Mall

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1:00pm "We Love Mama Africa" Kwanzaa Umoja Rally featuring our Kwanzaa Choir, live bands, speakers, and vendors.

Pan African Connection Bookstore, 828 Fourth Street. Call 214-943-8262

3:00pm The Griot

Storyteller, Afi Bell, will share Kwanzaa celebration activities at The Highland Hills Library, 3624 Simpson Stuart.

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6:00pm The Forever Forward Youth Movement celebrates with "A Salute to Greatness: A Conversation with Our Elders". Park Manor Senior Housing, 3333 Edgewood Dallas. African ritual, drumming, and the elders will share their life experiences. Contact 214-942-0117.

7:00pm "A Tribute to Freedom Fighter Paul Robeson" A discussion and viewing of the documentary 'The Tallest Tree in Our Forrest'. Paul Robeson was a genius who gave his heart and soul to the people. Community activists, labor organizers and human rights workers will share their insight and wisdom

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Ujamaa (oo-JAH-mah) Cooperative Economics Sat. December 29, 2012

To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them.

5-7:00pm "Ujamaa Networking Session"

Inviting all small non-profits and for profit businesses

to come together to share how we can collectively

build and sustain businesses in our community in

these harsh economic times.

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South Dallas, Call 214-943-8262.

7:00pm NCOBRA presents

a discussion on "Why are African Descendants Entitled to Reparations?

The Trans-Atlantic Slave "Trade" and chattel slavery,

more appropriately called

the African Holocaust, was

a crime against humanity.

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were brutalized, murdered and kidnapped from their

communities in Africa.

Chattel slavery lasted officially from 1619 to 1865.

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Nia (nee-AH) Purpose Sunday, December 30,

To do always as much as we can in the way that we can in order to leave

our community more

beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it.

3:00pm "Salute to African Women". A short film on Amy Ashwood Garvey and presentation

on Amy Jacques Garvey - two Pan-African women

who were organizers in the

Universal Negro Improvement Association

and African Communities League -- both were the

wives of the 'Back to Africa Movement Leader', Marcus Mosiah Garvey. We

will salute the women in

our personal families and histories.

Please bring pictures and stories of strong women (big mama's, play

mamas, aunties, Sunday school teachers, educators,

and neighbors, etc.) to

honor their example and sacrifice they made for

family and community. Pan African Connection 828

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5:00pm "Creating Our Future" The South Dallas Cultural Center will celebrate with the Pan African Connection Bookstore at the store - 828 Fourth Street. Our youth will share their musical, literary and dance talents. Bring a dish for the Karamu Feast that will follow. Call Akwete, at 214-943-8262 or Vicki Meek, at 214-670-0315.

7:00pm Join us for the

how a newborn boy, Kirikou, saves his village. Pan African Connection Bookstore, 828 Fourth Street. Call 214-943-8262.

Ujima (oo-JEE-mah) Collective Work & Responsibility Friday, Dec. 28, 2012

To build and maintain our community together and to make our Brother's and Sister's problems, our problems and to solve them together.

12 noon The Griot Storyteller will host a Ujima workshop on how to practice the principle daily by recognizing and respecting that without collective work and struggle, progress is impossible and liberation unthinkable at White Rock Library, 9150 Ferguson Road. Call 214-374-1174.

7:00pm "A Tribute to Freedom Fighter Paul Robeson" A discussion and viewing of the documentary 'The Tallest Tree in Our Forrest'. Paul Robeson was a genius who gave his heart and soul to the people. Community activists, labor organizers and human rights workers will share their insight and wisdom

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Kuumba (koo-OOM-bah) Creativity Monday, December 31, 2012

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our community more

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3:00pm "Salute to African Women". A short film on Amy Ashwood Garvey and presentation

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SPORTS PAGE



7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Dec. 20

Friday, Dec. 21

Saturday, Dec. 22

Sunday, Dec. 23

Monday, Dec. 24

Tuesday, Dec. 25

Wednesday Dec. 26

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L-30° H-63°
L-39° H-66°
L-48° H-68°
L-52° H-68°
L-41° H-58°
L-38° H-62°
L-40°

Dallas Cowboys Cornerback Brandon Carr Saves the Day!

Dallas Cowboys Beat Pittsburgh Steelers 27-24



Dallas Cowboys cornerback Brandon Carr celebrates (AP Photo/LM Otero)

(AP) - The Dallas Cowboys signed cornerback Brandon Carr to a five-year, \$50.1 million free-agent contract in March hoping he would be a difference-maker.

Money well spent? There's no debate after he made the key play in the Cowboys' 27-24 overtime win over Pittsburgh on Sunday, December 16, 2012.

Carr's diving intercep-

tion of a Ben Roethlisberger pass and 36-yard return to the 1 two plays into the extra session allowed Dan Bailey to kick a 21-yard field goal, reviving Dallas' playoff hopes and silencing thousands of Terrible Towel-waving Steelers fans among the crowd of 95,595.

The Cowboys (8-6) moved into a three-way tie for the NFC East lead

with the New York Giants and Washington. Dallas has won three straight for the first time this season and five of six.

The Cowboys, who started the season 3-5, can win the division for the first time since 2009 if they beat New Orleans (6-8) next weekend and the Redskins in Landover, Md., in the season finale Dec. 30.

Serena Williams
"WTA Player of the Year"

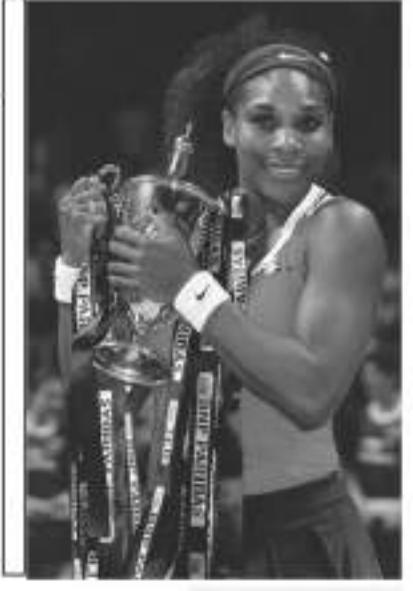
Serena Williams has been chosen as the WTA Player of the Year as a result of her outstanding performances in major tennis tournaments throughout the year. The women's singles title she won earlier in the year at Wimbledon, the most prestigious tennis event in the world, was just the beginning.

The US Open singles title she won during the summer, got everyone thinking that Serena was for real, a true athlete with outstanding ability, and has the potential of becoming the best tennis player of this era.

Immediately after the US Open, Serena returned to London to compete in the Summer Olympics where she won, not one, but two Gold Medals, one in singles, and the other in doubles with her sister Venus as her partner.

Serena's final test came at the end of the year in Istanbul, Turkey where she competed against the top female players to determine the best in the world. She won the title with ease over all of her opponents.

Everyone close to the game is anxious to see what Serena can do in 2013. She has stated that her game is better since focusing more on tennis and learning more from her past mistakes. If she can continue at this level, stay focused, and overcome major injuries, Serena will end the year with the best tennis record of any female who ever played the game.

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January 1, 2013

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Aaron Durley

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Aaron Durley arrives at TCU after playing for Houston-area Fort Bend Bush High School ... a three-star recruit according to both

Class: Freshman
Hometown: Houston, Texas
High School: Fort Bend Bush HS
Height / Weight: 6-10 / 270
Position: C
Experience: HS

Rivals.com and Scout.com ... ranked as the No. 41 player in the state of Texas for the class of 2012-13 by ESPN.com ... played for a talented Bush High team as a senior that posted a 28-6 overall record, finished second in the final 5A District 23 standings and reached the Region III quarterfinals of the state playoffs ... the squad finished the spring ranked No. 10 in the state and No. 51 in the nation ... posted single-game averages of 8.2 points, 4.3 rebounds and 1.4 blocked shots in a reserve role, as Bush also featured Cameron

Ridley, one of the nation's top center prospects ... prior to attending Bush High, played in the private school ranks for Houston's St. Thomas Catholic High School as a sophomore, earning TAPPS second-team all-state honors ... missed his entire junior year in 2010-11 while recovering from an Achilles injury ... also played for the Houston Hoopstars on the AAU circuit ... in addition to his basketball prowess, he for- merly was a standout Little League baseball player while living in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, where his father worked in the oil industry ... played in the Little League World Series for the Arabian American team that reached the event in both 2005 and 2006 ... played first base in 2006 while becoming the tallest player in Little League World Series history.

Information & Photo

Credit: TCU

If you have some sports information that you would like placed in the DALLAS POST TRIBUNE Sports Section e-mail us at: posttrib@airmail.net

BE KIND! Never speak harsh words. Be kind and gentle with your tongue. For it has been said that the tongue can be like a sword. Think long before you criticize your neighbor. Your tongue can be nasty. Living is one of the most beautiful things in the world. But the tongue can kill!!



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Baker, Martin

Age: 19

Race: W

Height: 5'07"

Weight: 120

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Green

Charged With:

Possession of Controlled Substance

Violation-Burglary

Habitation

Assault-SBI



Moore, Kevin

Age: 20

Race: B

Height: 5'07"

Weight: 135

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Charged With:

Probation

Violation-Burglary

Habitation

Assault-SBI

Charged With:

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Cabrera, Julian

Age: 40

Race: H

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 190

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Brown

Charged With:

Sex Offenders

Duty to Register Life/Annually

Charged With:

Probation

Violation-Theft

Charged With:

Child Contact



Miller, Dane

Age: 40

Race: B

Height: 6'02"

Weight: 230

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Charged With:

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Seasons Greetings



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Mrs. Ester Davis, Mrs. Claria Morgan, Mrs. Giley Griffin, Mrs. Mattie Weatherman, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. Barbara Sweet Williams, Dr. Theronica Bond, Mrs. Shirley Gray, Mr. Don Hicks, Ms. Chloe Buckley, Ms. Peggy Walker Brown, Mrs. Millie Ferguson, Ms. Joan Fowler, Mr. Billy Pat Robinson, Mrs. Bobbie Robinson, Mrs. Linda Sueing-Jackson, Mrs. Christine Brown, Ms. Brigitte Branch, Mrs. Ruth Burton, Dr. Theodore Lee, Jr., Mr. Thomas Wattley, Dr. George Willis, Mr. Elester Coleman, Mr. Eddee Jones, Mr. Rick Weatherman, Mr. William Carter, Mr. Jermaine Clemon, Mr. Johnny Openhammer, Mr. Phillip Graham, CPA

On Thursday, December 13, 2012, The Dallas Post Tribune held a holiday celebration with staff and longtime supporters of the newspaper. The festivities included Dr. George Willis serving as the Master of Ceremony, Ms. Yolanda Davis giving the introduction, Mr. Don Hicks leading the opening prayer, Mrs. Dorothy Lee giving a warm welcome to all in attendance, and Mrs. Barbara Sweet Williams giving a detailed history of the Dallas Post Tribune and how long she has known the newspaper. Mrs. Ester Davis delivered a simplistic approach to why we celebrate Christmas; Mr. Elester Coleman and Ms. Peggy Walker Brown presented tokens of the newspapers appreciation to everyone; Ms. Joan Fowler performed "I am dreaming of a White Christmas", and Mrs. Claria Morgan & Mrs. Giley Griffin lead everyone in Christmas carols. Dr. Theronica Bond presented a special token from The Dallas Post Tribune to those selected by the Publisher/CEO. Dr. Theodore and Mrs. Dorothy Lee presented Ms. Chloe Buckley with a salute for outstanding service and dedication rendered to The Dallas Post Tribune, on behalf of The Board of Directors and the Publisher. Closing remarks included, a dynamic speech given by Dr. Theodore Lee, Jr., Publisher/CEO of The Dallas Post Tribune. He stated, "I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. The year 2012 has been a year of many challenges. My daughters would say "Daddy they are only vicissitudes and you taught us it doesn't matter about the hardship: the waves, the rocks, the winds, or the sea. But, did you get the ship across? Did you help somebody? Did you make this world around you a little bit better? Let me assure you that the African American Press has the responsibility to educate and elevate within our communities.

Don't let anybody fool you! There is a need for the African American press. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History Month once said 'It makes all the difference in the world, who writes the history. The writer often times determines what history says about a people.'

Therefore, nobody is going to write your history like you! No sociologist, journalist or anthropologist will tell your story like another African American sociologist, journalist or anthropologist. So don't let anybody fool you! The black man must write his own history, to ensure truth prevails! We need to support the African American press to write the memoirs of our history, and to spread the good news of the contributions of our ancestors."

The holiday celebration concluded with refreshments.

A Special Message

To my staff:

I want to thank all of you for your support and dedication to The Dallas Post Tribune. I would like to offer special thanks for the expedient organization of the wonderful holiday celebration.

Sincerely,
T.R. Lee, Jr.
Publisher/CEO

Scenes from The Dallas Post Tribune Holiday Social



Dr. Theodore and Mrs. Dorothy Lee present Ms. Chloe Buckley with a salute for her outstanding service to the company

WHAT ARE YOUR MIRACLES?

By Mrs. Jody Platt



Mrs. Jody Platt

We scurry, we hurry, we ready ourselves dur-

ing the holiday season, but do we take time to think about our own miracles? Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa...what wonderful, joyous celebrations around the same time this year! From December 8 - 15, Jews will be celebrating the miracle of oil lasting eight days instead of one, from the Hanukkah story of so long ago when rededicating the Temple in Jerusalem. On

Dec. 25th, Christians will celebrate the miracle of the birth of Jesus. From December 26 to January 1, African-Americans will celebrate the miracle of the African family, community and culture. We all have our holidays...we all have our own unique celebrations...we all have our own miracles. What are your miracles? The tradition of lighting candles in the Jewish home and saying blessings for eight

nights during Hanukkah is not only a reminder of the miracle of religious freedom, but also other miracles that occur in our lives everyday. Do we notice these daily miracles? Maybe we need to stop look and pay more careful attention to observe miracles that occur often.

The love of a friend or spouse, the birth of a child, the growing skills we learn everyday, the cure of an illness, the

visit by a friend, the letter or e-mail from a far away relative, the special cake or cookies made just for us, the celebration of a birthday, a family reunion, the phone call just to say hello, an unexpected piece of good news, the courtesy shown by a stranger, the kindness extended by a neighbor...all are miracles that frequently go by so fast, we don't take the time or patience to recognize their wondrous

acts. At Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa are celebrated this year, maybe we can all make a conscious effort to create more miracles in our lives. As we all are reminded of the past miracles of our separate holidays, perhaps we can work together to help each other see the miracles of the present. They are all around us, we just have to stop to look.

Why the Richest 5% Should Want to Pay More Taxes: The Series

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- "Corporate welfare" was appropriately coined by Ralph Nader, an American critic of the term several decades ago. Over the years the term has been used in books, a favorite being "Louder Voices: The Corporate Welfare Bums" by David Lewis in 1972. The term is used derogatorily describing bestowal of money, grants, special favorable treatment on selected corporations from a governmental entity.

What is corporate welfare? What is subsidy? How much is spent per year on these subsidies? Subsidies bought on by lobbying are often called corporate welfare. They are generally considered excessive, wasteful, unfair and a few other choice words.

Republicans only want to cut social welfare, while not willing to take a "bit out of their friends" and supporters to fix the country's economic problems. But welfare is welfare. It's taxpayers' money given that you did not earn and the richest 5% accepting these subsidies should willingly want to pay more taxes.

How much is spent subsidizing corporations? Why that is a good question. No one is quite sure. In 1993, Boise State University published a comprehensive analysis of corporate welfare. As of 1990, their estimate was \$170 billion USDollars through assorted tax breaks nationwide. Additionally, state and local governments provide \$40-to-\$50 billion annually in economic development

incentives to corporations attracting them to their towns -- hopefully providing jobs.

In this immediate climate, the bail outs, the downturn in the economy, corporate welfare is a very ugly word. That's because corporate welfare has afforded corporate presidents and their partners, higher ridiculous seven-figure salaries, bonuses and perks galore for their trouble-free status. If you are looking for some interesting reading, try a Forbes article "Where to Cut the Budget? Start with Killing Corporate Welfare". "The Import-Export Bank: Corporate Welfare At Its Worst". Or, "The Failures of Economic Development Incentives", a good one for all our politicians to read and apply.

Dallas ISD alumni are making a difference in the future of Dallas

Dallas ISD Trustee Carla Ranger, District 6, December 2012



Trustee Carla Ranger

Since the 1880s, Dallas public schools have graduated students who would go on to become community leaders. Over the years, many of those graduates have returned to give back to Dallas ISD so new generations will have even greater opportunities for success.

With every decade, Dallas ISD alumni helped educate a new generation, students gained knowledge and skills needed for success, and Dallas grew and prospered. Thousands of Dallas ISD graduates—from philanthropists to presidential advisers and elected officials and from educators and entrepreneurs to athletes and artists—are today active volunteers in the school (omit - district) they attended because they know that education paves the way for success.

Numerous graduates, inspired by their teachers, have returned to the classroom as Dallas ISD teachers and school administrators. Still others, whose calling took them into business, medicine, law, or another field, are helping in their own way to prepare a new generation for future challenges.

As individuals or as members of an alumni organization, Dallas ISD alumni tutor students,

serve on advisory boards, raise funds, initiate special programs, speak to student groups, provide internships and scholarships, and encourage other civic leaders to become involved in preparing new generations to lead the city, the state and the country. Like thousands of other volunteers, they contribute their time, effort and resources to the children of Dallas because they believe in the importance of supporting public education and ensuring that new generations are prepared to lead the city, the state and the country.

There are hundreds of outstanding alumni from District 6 high schools. Some of the most well-known include talented athletes such as NFL star Tashaun Gipson, NBA player Quinton Ross and Oklahoma defensive tackle DeMarcus Granger, all Justin F. Kimball grads. Well-known David W. Carter alums include Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins, NFL star Michael Crabtree, and actress and singer Liz Mikel.

If you graduated from Dallas ISD or attended one of our schools and you want to become involved in educating the future leaders of Dallas, or if you just want to stay in touch with the district, please visit our updated Web

site—www.dallasisd.org/alumni. We like to hear how our alumni are contributing to their communities, and someday, you may have the opportunity to tell students your story.

In District 6 news, Students at W. H. Atwell, T.W. Browne, D.A. Hulcy and Zan W. Holmes middle schools are among students from 27

Dallas ISD schools learning the finer points of persuasion through participation in the Dallas Urban Debate Alliance. The non-profit Alliance works with district teachers to sponsor workshops and tournaments that teach students how to research an issue, develop an informed opinion and defend that position in a debate. Experts say students who master debate skills not only become better at public speaking but also develop concentration, listening and critical thinking skills.

Students from across Dallas ISD will put their oratory skills on display at 11 a.m. Friday, January 18, at the 21st annual Gardere MLK Oratory Competition at the Majestic Theater in downtown Dallas. District 6 schools that participated in the first round of competition include T.L. Marsalis, Ronald McNair, and Thomas Tolbert elementary schools. The finals will feature eight students from the 20 participating schools reciting their original essays on the topic, "If you could talk directly to Dr. King about your dream for our future, what would you tell him?" The event is free and open to the community.

Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy, 1700 E. Camp Wisdom Rd., will hold its 5th Annual Family/Community Fun Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, December 20. There will be all the festive ingredients for success: meeting and music, food and fun, games and giving. Fun and fellowship are free. You can enjoy dinner (spaghetti) and dessert for a donation of two canned goods for the North Texas Food Bank.

My Day: Internationalism Soars



BY MRS. ESTER DAVIS, EDTV

Joe Biden attended the inauguration in Mexico City and a delegation too-large-to-miss, will be visible at the upcoming inauguration of our president's second term next month in January, 2013.

Mexico is Latin America's second largest economy, and like much of Latin America, countries of 'haves' and 'have-nots'. Mexico and the United States do as much legal business in a month as Mexico does with all 27 countries of the European Union in a year. According to the State Department, Mexico is Texas' number one trading partner. Agriculture exports from Texas to Mexico totals in the billion of dollars. So, Texas farmers, ranchers and cowboys are completely aware of the benefits of partnering with Mexico. Widely known, but not publicized, more and more Americans are living in Mexico, working, retiring, vacating in their second homes.



President Enrique Pena Nieto

Enrique Pena Nieto, Mexico's new president, a former governor, is 47 years old and promising to "change" the conditions and nature of his country, move them "forward" with better paying job, infrastructure repairs and derail corruption. President Nieto's campaign reportedly mirrored President Obama's, even though he was representing the old . . . I n s t i t u t i o n a l Revolutionary Party. But the compliment to Americans is that as internationalism rises, the style, scope and trust of our democratic leaders are being emulated proudly around the world.

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The World Grieves the Tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut

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And you must know that whatever measure of comfort we can provide, we will provide; whatever portion of sadness that we can share with you to ease this heavy load, we will gladly bear it. Newtown, you are not alone."

He closed saying, "As a community, you've inspired us, Newtown. In the face of indescribable violence, in the face of unconscionable evil, you've looked out for each other, and you've cared for one another, and you've loved one another. This is how Newtown will be remembered. And with time, and God's grace, that love will see you through. And by that measure, can we truly say, as a nation, that we are meeting our obligations? Can we honestly say that we're doing enough to keep our children -- all of them -- safe from harm? Can we claim, as a nation,

that we're all together there, letting them know that they are loved, and teaching them to love in return? Can we say that we're truly doing enough to give all the children of this country the chance they deserve to live out their lives in happiness and with purpose?

I've been reflecting on this the last few days, and if we're honest with ourselves, the answer is no. We're not doing enough. And we will have to change."

"We Are the World" written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, and produced by Quincy Jones and

Michael Omartian in 1985, simplifies this: "There comes a time when we heed a certain call; When the world must come together as one; There are people dying; And it's time to lend a hand to life; The greatest gift of all; We can't go on pretending day by day; That someone, somehow will soon make a change; We are all a part of God's great big family; And the truth, you know; Love is all we need; We are the world, we are the children; We are the ones who make a brighter day; So let's start giving; There's a choice we're making."



Original cast of "We Are The World" /AP Photo



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