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WALMART & BET NETWORKS PARTNERS WITH ERYKAH BADU AND SOUL TRAIN AWARDS TO MAKE CHRISTMAS BETTER FOR FAMILIES IN SOUTH DALLAS



SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016 celebrated the best in Soul, R&B and Hip-Hop by highlighting both returning legends and breakout stars with unrivaled musical moments and titillating performances. The awards show, which aired on November 27th on both CENTRIC and BET, was hosted once again by the funkadelic Godmother of neo-soul, Erykah Badu, who also served as Executive Producer.

SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016 and Erykah Badu, not only honored "the" best in soul and R&B music but also partnered with Walmart to make Christmas

better for families at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center (MLK Center) in Ms. Badu's hometown of Dallas, Texas. The MLK Center, which provides services to over 300,000 South Dallas residents, is considered a cornerstone of the community.

Featured as a heartfelt moment within Soul Train Awards 2016 and in partnership with Walmart, three families were selected to have their holiday list fulfilled. Their list included toys, home, electronic and clothing items available at Walmart. As a special treat, Ms. Badu paid a surprise visit to the MLK

Center and made Christmas better by presenting the families' gifts from their Christmas lists. Erykah Badu also presented a \$10,000 check, on behalf of Walmart, to the MLK Center to continue its commitment to the South Dallas community.

"The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center brought art into my life & with the help of Walmart we gave back. I will always honor my home." Erykah Badu

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NNPA President Recalls Castro's Fight Against Apartheid



Cuban President Fidel Castro (second from left) and former Nigerian presidential Adviser Onyema Ugochukwu (center) at Havana, Cuba (Circa 1999). (Wikimedia Commons)

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

The death of Fidel Castro has been met with varying reactions, including condolences to the fallen Cuban leader's family by former President Jimmy Carter and President Barack Obama.

For some, like Dr. Benjamin Chavis, the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, remembrance of Castro's reign will always include his support of the imprisoned Nelson Mandela.

Chavis vividly recalled the Cuban leader's fearless intervention against Apartheid South Africa.

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Remembering Fallen Heroes



Sgt. Pennie believes that the memories of law enforcement officials slain in the line of duty should be honored forever.

By Divine Design News Service

Dallas Police Sergeant Demetrick Pennie cried in a hallway of Parkland Hospital on that July night when he learned that five Dallas policemen and a DART police officer had been slain during a shameful night of madness on the streets of the city that they had protected, and loved.

Sgt. Pennie, the president of the Dallas Fallen Officer Foundation, was at home painting floor boards when he received a call that there had been a shooting in downtown Dallas. The caller told him that one of the officers had been killed.

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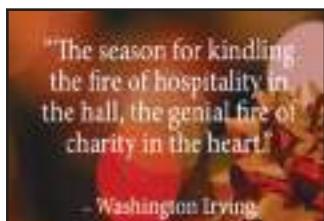
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Quote of the Week



Scripture of the Week
And a VOICE from HEAVEN said, "This is my dearly loved SON, who brings me great JOY"
Matthew 3:17



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Remembering Fallen Heroes

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"My body began to shake, and I could not pull myself together," said Sgt. Pennie, who leads a foundation that comforts the families of officers killed during the line of duty, and awards scholarships to students who pursue academic excellence, and who express an interest in becoming members of law enforcement.

"The holiday season is one of the most difficult times of the year for families of officers who have been killed," he said. "When they are present it was a joyous time. Now, that they are gone there is a hurtful void. There is something missing. It does not seem fair," said Sgt. Pennie, a native of inner-city Houston who spent four years in the military before joining the Dallas Police Department in June of 1999.

The Dallas Fallen Officer Foundation was started in 2009 by members of the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas Fraternal Order of Police. Five years after it was launched, Sgt. Pennie became the chief organizer and president of the organization.

The foundation provides

scholarships to students at the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Law Magnet. "We ask students to write an essay and to maintain a "B" average," he said. "It is one of the ways that our fallen heroes are honored. The scholarship is extremely important to students and to members of the police department, and the city government."

Sgt. Pennie remains in contact with family members of officers who have been slain in Dallas. "I was close to Officer Norman Smith who was killed in 2009. Like the other officers, he was a wonderful person, and had pursued a career in law enforcement because he wanted to help people."

Growing in Houston, Officer Pennie and his friends did not have pleasant relationships with police officers.

"We saw them as our foes," he said. "But that all changed when I witnessed how they responded to me and my family when my older cousin, Jacqueline, was killed shortly because her wedding day."

Sgt. Pennie said that his cousin, whom he adored, was killed by an acquaintance of the family when she attempted to stop an argument. "I

was coming home from school when I heard the shot, the killer ran right past me, and I saw my cousin laying on the ground, barely holding on to life."

The experience changed his perception of the police and he decided that he wanted to be like them, assisting families just as they assisted his during the murder of his relative.

"There was nothing that I could do to bring my cousin back to life," he said, "just as there is nothing that I can do to bring back the lives of my fallen brothers and sisters. But I can be there for those that they leave behind. I can become a member of their extended families. And that is what I am committed to doing."

Sgt. Pennie said that during the holiday season and throughout the year, he prayed that the people of Dallas would remember those who had given their lives serving people whom they took an oath to serve.

"We must not forget them or their families," he said. "We must ensure that their memories live on forever."

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Soul Train Awards 2016 premiered Sunday, November 27th, at 8pm on Centric and BET and will encore again on November 29th and December 1 on BET. For additional show information and to see the unveiling of this special moment featuring Erykah Badu, please visit BET/WALMART SOUL TRAIN AWARDS ERYKAH BADU VIDEO and BET/WALMART SOUL TRAIN AWARDS ERYKAH BADU PICTURES for pictures.

The Soul Train Awards 2016 is produced by Jesse Collins Entertainment. Executive Producers of the network telecast are as follows: Debra Lee, Stephen G. Hill and Connie Orlando from BET; and Jesse Collins for Jesse Collins Entertainment.

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Colleen White, Ed.D.
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A Little Bit of Faith: Another Storm is Brewing

"You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words. I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise" (Psalm 119:57-58). This scripture reflects a heart that is seeking to be pleasing to God in all aspects of life. In difficult situations of our lives, it is hard for us to say we will continue to obey God's word no matter what. We often begin to question God and ask Him why we may

be going through another storm after coming right out of a previous storm.

The person in Psalm 119 has been afflicted in some kind of way, thus, he acknowledges God's judgment. It says, "I know, O Lord, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness you have afflicted me" (Psalm 119:75). The psalmist has a desire to still learn from his situation by God. He does not question it; he is accepting of it. He realizes that if

God has allowed it, then there is something he can learn from it.

Are you going through another storm after just coming out of a previous storm? Is there something you can learn from this? Perhaps if you have a prayer of acknowledging your situation and be willing to say "You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words...be gracious to me according to your promise" (Psalm 119:57-58),

then you are learning to have a teachable heart.

Our Heavenly Father has not promised to keep us out of difficult situations, but He has promised to always be with us as we go through the storm. If you're in another storm today, open your heart to receive it and still be thankful that Our God can and will be with you through the storm. Amen? Amen.

Slavery Made America Great

My Day by Dr. J. Ester Davis

Dr. J. Ester Davis
Editorial Columnist

Loud and clear . . . America was built with free labor and free trade. An undeniable fact. How can African Americans be so confused about their future? How are the facts so twisted? Free labor, also known as slavery is the perfect interlude to greatness, greed, profits and power. The answer to divisiveness in this country is not shades of grey, only black and white. Our African American ancestors . . . made America great with their involuntary servitude under inhuman conditions.

This is a very important article and I only have a few words for this reminder to the America people, because slavery, as dim and dark as it was, is a part of America's history. But America has changed.

Between the 1600's and the late 19th century, the United States of America was nearly

85% white Now hold that point.

Slavery was already legal in all thirteen(13)colonies when the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. So much of history dismisses the face that the invention of the cotton gin greatly increased demand for more slave labor and the south had the ideal weather and Negro slaves for fueling the rest of the states. More than one million slaves were actually sold from the upper south and taken to the Deep South thus further splitting up many more families. Common sense would further formulate that the country was constantly growing in all directions, i.e., north, south, east and west.

"Free labor" is a whole food, amorous, intoxicating, a natural stimulant, motivating great and evil deeds simultaneously. As the western United States

developed, the southern state governments kept a "strategy" between the number of slaves and Free states in order to maintain a political balance of power in Congress. Hold that point also.

Around the 1850's, the newly really, really rich, white men millionaires and billionaires, cotton growing southerners (with their "free" labor) . . . threatened to secede from the union. The railroad had a donor for the "steam engine" cost. Another "free labor project" that made America great, to move the "free labor" profit and products across country. Slavery indeed, made America great . . . for a few.

In 1860 President Lincoln was elected President and in 1863 the Civil War ended legal slavery on top soil. Underground it continued. Let me quickly explore the

number of slaves imported in these states. Between 1751 and 1775 the numbers were up to 85,580, an exact number. The years 1801 – 1825 bought 109,545 enslaved people to the states. Slavery ended in and around 1865, depending on the state and the political permission for the announcement of same.

Much has been written about "Making-America-Great-Again", which is an absolute insult to me and other African Americans. The African American . . . has been there. Done that.

Finally, on points. Be careful America. We are not 85% white anymore and the balance of power is in quick sand.

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U.S. Senators Demand Study on Federal Advertising in Black-owned Media

By Stacy M. Brown
(NNPA Newswire Contributor)

Five U.S. Senators have joined the fight for accountability in the federal government's advertising practices — or lack thereof — when it comes to minority-owned news outlets.

A letter penned by the senators demands that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) investigate the advertising habits of federal agencies.

Sens. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) each signed the letter.

In the new letter sent this month to the Comptroller General Gene Dodaro, a request is made that the GAO issue a report on federal advertising contracts and sub-contracts with minority-owned publications, public relations firms, advertising agencies, and media companies.

"News outlets and media companies owned or published by people of color are critical to ensuring that diverse viewpoints are presented to the American people," the letter stated.

The letter continued: "As one of the largest advertisers in the United States, the federal government should play an active role in ensuring that minority-owned media outlets have fair opportunities to compete for and be awarded federal advertising contracts."

Menendez said that con-

tracting opportunities through the federal marketplace has proven to be a valuable way for firms to stay competitive in a rapidly evolving marketplace.

Dr. Benjamin Chavis, the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), applauded the new letter by the senators. He noted the joint effort between NNPA and the National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP) in pushing for a new federal advertising study.

"The NNPA and NAHP thank Senators Booker, Schumer, Menendez, Hirono and Gillibrand for helping to push for this strategically important GAO inquiry," Chavis said. "2017 should be the year of greater economic equity and parity with respect to more inclusiveness in the billions of dollars spent annually by government departments and agencies on advertising."

Earlier this year, Democratic Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and many of her colleagues in the House formally requested an investigation into how federal government agencies spend advertising dollars.

Jonathan Sanchez, the associate publisher and chief operating officer of the East Los Angeles-based Eastern Group Publications, Inc., which boast a loyal readership of about 500,000 subscribers, the news is more than welcome.

Earlier this year, after Norton's letter, Sanchez said he was appreciative that

Norton said. "We ask [the GAO] to take this opportunity to consider how much is spent with newspapers and other media companies that are owned by people of color and whose audiences are largely African-American or Hispanic."

In 2007, GAO considered spending on advertising contracts with minority-owned businesses by five agencies — the Department of Defense, Department of the Treasury, Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration — and found that just five percent of the \$4.3 billion available for advertising campaigns went to minority-owned businesses.

Norton and others have asked for an update from the GAO as well as more accountability.

The federal government is the largest advertiser in the nation and it plays an important role in supporting minority-focused publications that reach African-American, Latino, Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities, said Rep. Barbara Lee, D-California.

"Historically, there has been a lack of adequate federal government funding granted to disadvantaged and minority-owned advertising agencies," said Congressional Black Caucus Chairman G.K. Butterfield, (D-N.C.). "This issue shows the systemic problems that exists across numerous arenas in both the public and private sector."

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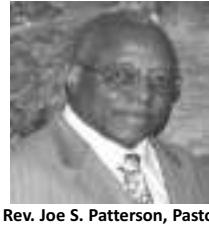
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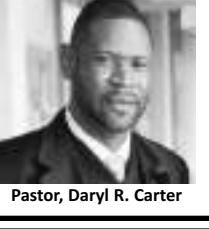
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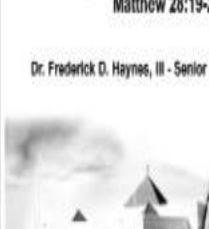
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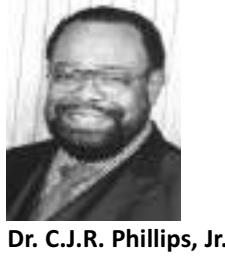
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Golf Industry Aims to Diversify "The Game of Kings"



Clemmie Perry, the founder of Women of Color Golf. (Women of Color Golf)

By Michael H. Cottman
(Urban News Service)

Steve Mona, CEO of the World Golf Foundation, says strong words about an overwhelmingly white, \$70 billion business.

"The golf industry should look like America," Mona told Urban News Service. "Diversity is fundamental to the future success of the golf industry."

Mona, who is White, says that when he surveys golf courses around the country, he says he mainly sees two colors: green and white.

Golf industry reports confirm Mona's impression. American golfers are 77 percent male and 80 percent White, according to the 2015 Golf Diversity & Inclusion Report. Among professional golfers, 75 percent are male and 86 percent are White. And golf-industry workers—every one from caddies to greenskeepers—are 90 percent male and 88 percent White.

Golf remains a big business in America. Some 25 million Americans play 455 million rounds annually on 15,350 links, according to World Golf Foundation. Golf generates some \$55.6 billion in annual wages.

Asked why a white executive like Mona worries about racial diversity, Mona didn't hesitate. "It's the right thing to do," he said. "We want to make young people and parents from diverse backgrounds aware that there are 2 million jobs in the golf industry."

He is matching his words with action. He created a Diversity Task Force, established partnerships with major companies and will host a diversity forum in December with major industry leaders.

Mona plans to create job opportunities for minorities with a range of diversity initiatives include:

— A 10-week paid internship program with the Professional Golf Association Tour.

— The Golf Channel's internship openings now appear on the careers website its parent company, NBCUniversal.

— Nike Golf now offers a 12-week internship that explores all of the company's divisions.

The World Golf Foundation also seeks African-Americans and other minorities, Mona said, for full-time jobs at courses across America, including head golf professionals, course superintendents, caddy masters, and food and beverage managers.

These steps are afoot even as younger golfers are leaving the sport. About 200,000 Millennial golfers walked away in 2013, according to the National Golf Federation, mainly because of costs in time and money. Golfers between 18 and 34 have drifted off for the last 20 years, according to NGF research.

Major golf gear manufacturers also are retrenching. Nike recently announced that it would stop making golf clubs, balls and bags. Instead, Nike will focus on golf attire.

While Tiger Woods remains Earth's highest-profile black golfer, Mona's Diversity Task Force confirms just how rare his face is on the greens.

Little has changed in golf since the demographics of its players and staff was first studied in 2003, said Diversity Task Force member Dr. Michael Cooper. "I haven't seen a lot of what is supposed to be taking place, and I can't vouch for golf becoming more inclusive and diverse than it is," Cooper said. "But I do have faith in Steve Mona."

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SERENA WILLIAMS: WOMEN 'MUST CONTINUE TO DREAM BIG'

(AP) - Serena Williams has penned an open letter calling out what she sees as double standards faced by women in sports.

The 22-time Grand Slam champion writes that women "are constantly reminded" they aren't men. She says people call her one of the "world's greatest

female athletes," but notes that male athletes such as LeBron James, Roger Federer and Tiger Woods aren't described by their gender.

Williams says the equal pay issue frustrates her because women "have done the same work and made the same sacrifices as

our male counterparts."

She says women "must continue to dream big" to "empower the next generation of women to be just as bold in their pursuits."

The letter was published in Porter Magazine and republished by British newspaper The Guardian .

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AP Power Rankings: Cowboys still in No. 1 spot



In this Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, photo, New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz (80) is tackled by Dallas Cowboys cornerback Brandon Carr (39) after catching a pass during an NFL football game in Arlington, Texas. The Cowboys haven't forced a turnover in four games and couldn't get a sack of Washington's Kirk Cousins despite 53 pass attempts. After an early season surge into the top 10, the Cowboys have slid a bit. (AP Photo/Michael Ainsworth)

(AP) - With the best record in the NFL at 10-1, the Dallas Cowboys are closing in on a playoff berth.

The Cowboys have won a franchise regular-season record 10 games in a row and play for the second consecutive Thursday when they travel to Minnesota to play the Vikings.

The Cowboys can clinch a playoff spot in Week 13 with a win of their own and a loss by Washington or with a win of their own and a loss or tie by Tampa Bay.

The Cowboys also remained in the No. 1 spot in the latest AP Pro32 poll , which was released Tuesday.

Dallas received 11 first-place votes for 383 points from balloting by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"Dak Prescott did his part in an important Thanksgiving Day win over Washington, but the rookie quarterback masked what could be the team's only problems: a leaky defense that can't rush the quarterback. That could be an important factor down the stretch," Newsday's Bob Glauber said.

The Patriots received the other first-place vote and moved up a spot to No. 2 with 369 points.

The AFC West controls three of the next four spots.

First-place Oakland (9-2) inched up a spot to No. 3 with 363 points after holding off Carolina 35-32.

"Young Derek Carr has a knack for pulling close games out in the fourth quarter," said Ira Kaufman of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Kansas City (8-3), in second place in the division, jumped two spots to No. 4 after its 30-27 overtime win at Denver on Sunday night. And the Broncos (7-4) fell a spot to No. 6 in the poll.

Seattle dropped three spots to No. 5 after its 14-5 loss at Tampa Bay.

Despite winning six consecutive games, the Giants slipped a spot to No. 7.

Atlanta, which leads the AFC South, moved up a spot to No. 8.

Detroit and Washington are tied at No. 9 and surging Miami, which has won six in a row, is at No. 11.

"Is Ryan Tannehill finally figuring things out?" asked Charean Williams of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of the Dolphins quarterback.

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Nov. 27	New Orleans	7:00	Feb. 25	New Orleans	8:30
Nov. 30	San Antonio	8:30	Feb. 27	Miami	9:30
Dec. 1	at Charlotte	7:00	Mar. 1	at Atlanta	7:30
Dec. 3	Chicago	8:30	Mar. 3	Memphis	8:30
Dec. 5	Charlotte	8:30	Mar. 5	Oklahoma City	8:30
Dec. 7	Sacramento	8:30	Mar. 7	LA Lakers	8:30
Dec. 9	Indiana	8:30	Mar. 10	Brooklyn	9:00
Dec. 10	at Houston	8:00	Mar. 11	Phoenix	9:00
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Dec. 26	at New Orleans	8:00	Mar. 27	Oklahoma City	8:30
Dec. 27	Houston	8:30	Mar. 29	at New Orleans	8:00
Dec. 29	at LA Lakers	10:30	Mar. 31	at Memphis	8:00
Dec. 30	at Golden State	10:30	Apr. 2	at Milwaukee	8:30

NNPA President Recalls Castro's Fight Against Apartheid

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"Fidel Castro's unprecedented contribution to liberate humanity from imperialism will live forever," Chavis said on Sunday.

A lifelong and dedicated civil rights activist, Chavis knew first-hand the battles of Apartheid and what Castro did to assist the oppressed in South Africa. Chavis recalled the time he spent shoulder-to-shoulder with Cuban and African troops as they fought against the oppressive South African government during the 1988 "Battle of Cuito Cuanavale."

In the 1980s, the frontline African nations that bordered South Africa were periodically being militarily violated with the brutal violence and repression that became routine of the Apartheid regime, said Chavis who first wrote about his experience three years ago, in a column published by the L.A. Watts Times.

South African military attacks directly on the African National Congress (ANC) inside South Africa and in Angola, South West Africa and in other areas of southern Africa had escalated.

South Africa invaded South West Africa – which is now Namibia – and the Republic of Angola.

"Castro urgently dispatched more than three hundred thousand Cuban soldiers to Angola over several years to help stop and to eventually defeat the South Africa military on the ground in Angola in 1988," Chavis said, noting that, by contrast, U.S. President Ronald Reagan tacitly supported Apartheid South Africa and tried unsuccessfully to have a "constructive engagement" with Apartheid under the guise of preventing communism in southern Africa.

Chavis traveled to Angola in 1988 on more than one occasion to witness how Cuba was helping the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) in Angola and the ANC as well as SWAPO (South West Africa Peoples Organization).

"I visited the battleground area in the aftermath of the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale that took place during a six-month period from the end of 1987 to the spring of 1988," he said, noting that that battle was the largest, single armed conventional warfare on African soil

since World War II. "I went down into the foxholes with Cubans, Angolans, Namibians and native South Africans, all fighting together heroically to liberate southern Africa from oppression, colonialism and imperialism."

"One of the key commanders of all the Cuban troops in southern Africa was Raul Castro Ruz, Castro's younger brother," he said.

In a statement issued this weekend, the Nelson Mandela Foundation noted its sympathies for the government and people of Cuba in the wake of Castro's death, calling him "The revolutionary father of the South American country."

"On behalf of our Chairman, Trustees and Staff, the Nelson Mandela Foundation would like to send our deepest condolences to the people and government of Cuba on the passing of Fidel Castro," Foundation officials said.

"President Mandela had a close relationship with President Castro and always remembered his solidarity with the anti-apartheid movement. He even went so far as to suggest those who criticized his relationship with Cuba and Libya, for instance should jump in the pool."

In 1998, Mandela and Castro met during the Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Durban, South Africa where 60 Heads of State attended two days of meetings.

Later, Castro was accompanied by Mandela as he addressed the South African Parliament and the Cuban leader visited Mandela's old cell at the Robben Island Prison.

In 2001, Fidel Castro again traveled to South Africa, meeting Mandela at the Civil Rights Icon's home in Houghton, Johannesburg.

Because of his declining health, Castro did not attend Mandela's 2013 funeral, but Raul Castro did.

Foundation officials quoted Mandela talking about his solidarity with the Cuban government in a 1990 documentary.

"The first country we approached was the United States of America. We could not even succeed to come close to the government, and they refused to assist us," Mandela said. "But Cuba, the moment we appealed for assistance they were ready to do so and they did so. Why would we now listen to the Western world when they say

we should have nothing to do with Cuba? It is just unreasonable."

Following his death, social media was inundated with posts about Castro, including photos of the fallen leader with Mandela, African-American political activist Angela Davis, Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali.

"[Castro's] fight for the poor was his religious fulfillment," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Born near Birán, Cuba, in 1926, Castro successfully overthrew the government to take control in 1958.

His communist domestic policies and military and economic relations with the Soviet Union led to strained relations with the United States that culminated in the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, according to Biography.com.

Castro was also responsible for fomenting communist revolutions in other countries around the world.

Under Castro, improvements were made to health care and education, while civil liberties were severely eroded.

However, the 1991 collapse of communism in the Soviet Union and its negative impact on Cuba's economy led Castro to relax some restrictions over time.

Amidst failing health in 2008, Castro officially handed over power to his brother, but he still wielded some political influence in Cuba and abroad.

His death on November 25 at the age of 90 was met with celebrations in strong Cuban-American populated cities like Miami and New York.

"Rosalynn and I share our sympathies with the Castro family and the Cuban people on the death of Fidel Castro," Carter, the 39th U.S. President said. "We remember fondly our visits with him in Cuba and his love of his country. We wish the Cuban citizens peace and prosperity in the years ahead."

Obama also offered condolences to Castro's family.

"We know that this moment fills Cubans in Cuba and in the United States with powerful emotions, recalling the countless ways in which Fidel Castro altered the course of individual lives, families, and of the Cuban nation," Obama said. "History will record and judge the enormous impact of this singular figure on the people and world around him."

Film Review: Almost Christmas



**By Dwight Brown
(NNPA Newswire Film Critic)**

Watching this humorous film is like getting a funny greeting card that makes you laugh as it warms your heart. This ode to the joy and angst people feel as their family reconvenes for the certain chaos, gluttony and joy during Christmas, is a nice way to start the holiday season. It's a very entertaining stocking stuffer. It's comic relief.

Under writer/director David E. Talbert's ("First Sunday") guidance you know there will be equal doses of merriment and inspirational message. Toss in producer Will Packer's (Think Like a Man) sensibility and you can pile on the silliness and bawdy humor. What's on view is a raucous comedy that feels almost TV sit-comish. It's seasoned with enough soap opera-ish drama to make you laugh at the characters and be astonished by their mischievous schemes.

Walter Meyers (Danny Glover, "The Color Purple"), the successful owner of several auto repair shops, eagerly awaits the arrival of his four adult offspring and their extended families back to the Atlanta home they grew up in. He looks forward to their smiling faces, is somewhat saddened that his deceased wife Grace won't be there and is frankly wondering if his kids can set aside their differences for five days so they can enjoy the holidays. Fat

chance. His youngest daughter Rachel (Gabrielle Union, "The Birth of a Nation"), a perpetual law student who is low on funds, brings her young daughter and the grudge she bears for her older far more successful sister Cheryl (Kimberly Elise, "For Colored Girls"), a DDS (Doctor of Dental Surgery). Big sis is coming with her flaky, conceited, roving-eye and retired basketball player husband Lonnie (JB Smoove, "Top Five").

Christian (Romany Malco, "Think Like a Man"), the oldest son is running for Congress and no one knows if he can forget campaigning long enough to focus on the family. His wife Sonya (Nicole Ari Parker, "Murder in the First") is skeptical. Evan (Jessie T. Usher, "Independence Day: Resurgence"), the baby of the family and a popular football player, is just getting off the disabled list (DL) and has a jones for painkillers, unbeknownst to the rest of the clan.

And if that isn't enough spice in the house, Malachi (Omar Epps, "Love and Basketball"), Rachel's old high school fling and neighbor, is hot on her tail. Alan (John Michael Higgins, "Pitch Perfect"), Christian's campaign manager is working on a gentrification scheme that's in conflict with the downtown area that's home to a shelter where Walter's wife worked.

Evan's old friend Eric (DC Young Fly, "Hollywood Hearts") is supplying him with

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• Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-

800-633-4227) 24-hours a day/7 days a week to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

- Review the Medicare & You 2017 handbook. It's mailed to people with Medicare in September and is also available online at Medicare.gov.

- If you have limited income and resources, you may be able to get Extra Help paying your prescription drug coverage costs. For more information, visit socialsecurity.gov/i1020 or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.

- Get one-on-one help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Visit Medicare.gov/contacts or call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the phone number for your local SHIP.

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THE DALLAS POST TRIBUNE REQUESTS YOUR HELP TO FIND 13 MISSING PICTURES OF DALLAS HEROES THAT BELONGS ON THE WALL OF FACES OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, DC

Mrs. Janna Hoehn of Maui, Hawaii is leading a campaign with Texas local volunteers attempting to find pictures of all 330 Dallas County men killed in action for the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. She contributes her success in locating many of the missing pictures to; David Rippa, Tiffany Rippa, Danny Linn and Peggy Case all residing in Texas which she considers her "boots on the ground".

The Wall of Faces will be a part of an underground gallery near the Vietnam Memorial, sometimes called "The Wall," located on the mall in Washington, DC.

We are encouraging our readers to please review the list of names to see if you recognize anyone on the list.

The following information was sent by Mrs. Janna Hoehn of Maui, Hawaii and due to the vital content in order to locate our Heroes it appears as sent without corrections.

Boney, William (Aug 19, 1947-Feb 16, 1968) (Black – Protestant – Single) (US Marine Corps - Co D, 1st BN, 5th

Marines) Dallas, TX.
Burrough, Jesse Clarence (Sep 2, 1948-Apr 4, 1968) (Black – Baptist – Never Married) (US Army - Co A, 3rd BN, 39th Inf, 9ID) Dallas, TX.

Butler, Henry (Dec 16, 1944-Aug 15, 1966) (Black – Baptist – Never Married) (US Army - Co B, 2nd BN, 5th Cav, 1CD)

Dallas, TX

Fisher, James Louis (Oct 15, 1930- Nov 17, 1965) (Black – Protestant – Never Married) (US Army - Co A, 2nd BN, 7th Cav, 1CD) Dallas, TX.

Hines Jr., Namon (Oct 31, 1946-Jun 24, 1967) (Black – Baptist – Single) (US Army - 5th Trans Co, 4th Trans Cmd, 1st Log Cmd)

Morris, Elroy (March 6, 1949-Feb 27, 1969) (Black – Religion Unknown – Married) (US Marine Corps - 1st CAG, Combined Action Program, III MAF) Dallas, TX.

Morris, John Lee (Feb 14, 1950-Mar 23, 1969) (Black – Baptist – Never Married) (US Army - Co C, 3rd BN, 39th Inf, 9ID) Dallas, TX.

Perry Jr., R.C. (Mar 17, 1936-Feb 13, 1967) (Black – Baptist – Married) (US Army - Co D, 2nd BN, 8th Cav, 1CD) Dallas, TX

Co C, 2nd BN, 22nd Inf, 4ID) Dallas, TX

Price, Charles Allen (Sep 18, 1948-Jan 19, 1969) (Black – Methodist – Never Married) (US Army - HHC, 41st Arty Group, I Field Force) Dallas, TX.

Ross, Gene Autry (Dec 11, 1946- Jan 30, 1968) (Black – Baptist – Never Married) (US Army - HHC, 4th BN, 503rd Inf, 173rd Airborne Brigade)

Dallas, TX

Washington, Donald Ray (May 31, 1950-Oct 14, 1969) (Black – Protestant – Never Married) (US Navy - USS Vancouver) Dallas, TX.

Williams, Rayfield (Apr 6, 1947-Feb 6, 1968) (Black – Religion Unknown – Married) (US Army - HHC, 1st BN, 14th Inf, 4ID)

Dallas, TX

Williams, Vance George (Nov 21 1946- Apr 2, 1967) (Black – Baptist – Married) (US Army - Co D, 2nd BN, 8th Cav, 1CD) Dallas, TX

If you have information regarding the missing Dallas heroes, please contact Janna Hoehn via email: neverforgetten2014@gmail.com.

drugs. And he's also hitting on Evan's saucy Aunt May (Monique, "Precious"), an aging backup singer. She claims: "I got vibrators older than that child!"

Surprisingly African-American Christmas movies are quite prevalent: "A Madea Christmas" (Tyler Perry, Tika Sumpter), "The Best Man Holiday" (Monica Calhoun, Morris Chestnut), "This Christmas" (Loretta Devine and Chris Brown), "The Perfect Holiday" (Gabrielle Union and Morris Chestnut) and "Last Holiday" (Queen Latifah and LL Cool J). So, what sets this one apart? It's refreshing that the central character is a wise, silver-haired patriarch.

And to add a bit of hot pepper to the mix, Aunt May, played with verve by scene-stealer Monique, adds just enough naughty humor to please adults and warrant an MPAA PG-13 rating. As she walks into Walter's house, May says to her brother-in-law: "Where's the liquor? I hope it ain't that dark liquor, because that dark liquor will make a bitch want to fight." Playwright-turned-filmmaker David E. Talbert has a very assured style that involves "comedy in the midst of chaos." One minute there's a verbal brawl and the next moment everyone is laughing. This rhythm serves his plays and screenplays well, keeping audiences engaged through his explorations into the sometimes awkward dynamics of friendships, marriages and relationships. Comparisons to Talbert and Tyler Perry are inevitable. The difference is that Talbert is far more consistent as a writer and director.

Gabrielle Union and Kimberly Elise rattle off catty one-liners like they were schooled on Edward Albee's vicious "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf." For female viewers, Epps is the romantic ex-boyfriend who got away. Usher and Young Fly will keep the younger audiences engaged. JB Smoove is hysterical as the out-of-touch playboy who is courting disaster. Perhaps the smartest bit of casting was giving Danny Glover the role as the dad and referee. His strong acting brings more to the role of

Walter than most performers could summon. Strong, humbled, determined and embittered are just some of the emotions he shows over the course of 1 hour and 52 minutes. When he screams to his out-of-control family "It's my house," there is no question; he is the lord of the manor.

The second coup is having Monique spice up Aunt May to the point that you're belly laughing even before she opens her mouth. And for those who wonder if she really deserved her Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in the film "Precious," wait until you see final scenes when it is just her and Danny Glover at the dining room table talking about the sweet potato pie her sister used to make. It's a treasured moment.

John Paesano's impassioned musical score is supplemented with appropriate soul, pop and jazz tunes like Etta James singing the sultry "The Very Thought of You." Wynn Thomas' production design and Marthe Pineau's set decoration make Walter's house an enviable abode and the aisles of the Piggly Wiggly a perfect place for extramarital flirtations. Larry Blanford's photography and lighting give the footage a warm glow. The editing by Troy Takaki adds a solid beat.

If you're looking for Shakespeare, try another theater. If you want a good stick-to-your-ribs family comedy that will make you chuckle and forget your troubles, pull up a chair and sit down.

The spirit of the holiday season is in the house.

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The Inaugural Healthy Living Expo, featuring health nutritionist and expert Dick Gregory, is December 10, 2016 at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 1309 Canton Street, Dallas, TX. 8am-8pm.

The event organizers anticipate over 75 exhibitors and vendors along with activities that include artist demonstrations, children's interactive art activities, a silent auction and a lecture series featuring Mr. Gregory, fitness and financial guru Bethel Johnson, members of the Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Black Journalists, Next Generation Action Network's Min. Dominique Alexander, and a host of others.

Vendor applications are being accepted in the areas of fine art, crafts, entertainment,

amusement, independent distributors, jewelry, gifts, cultural items and clothing, author showcase, small businesses and non-profit and civic organizations.

Deadline for early bird registration ended November 30, 2016 and early registration was encouraged because the booth spaces fill up quickly. Artists and vendors can email healthylivingex1@gmail.com or call 214-941-0110 for more information.

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Dallas ISD to hold first-ever districtwide showcase of school offerings

Dallas ISD is hosting its first-ever districtwide showcase of school offerings at this Saturday's Discover Dallas ISD Fair at Ellis Davis Field House, 9191 S. Polk St.

"In North Texas, our schools offer more educational options than are available anywhere in the Metroplex, and we have a track record of improving graduation rates and preparing students for college and careers," said Stephanie Elizalde, Dallas ISD chief of School Leadership. "We want parents to see and experience what our schools are doing to put more students on track for academic and career success."

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