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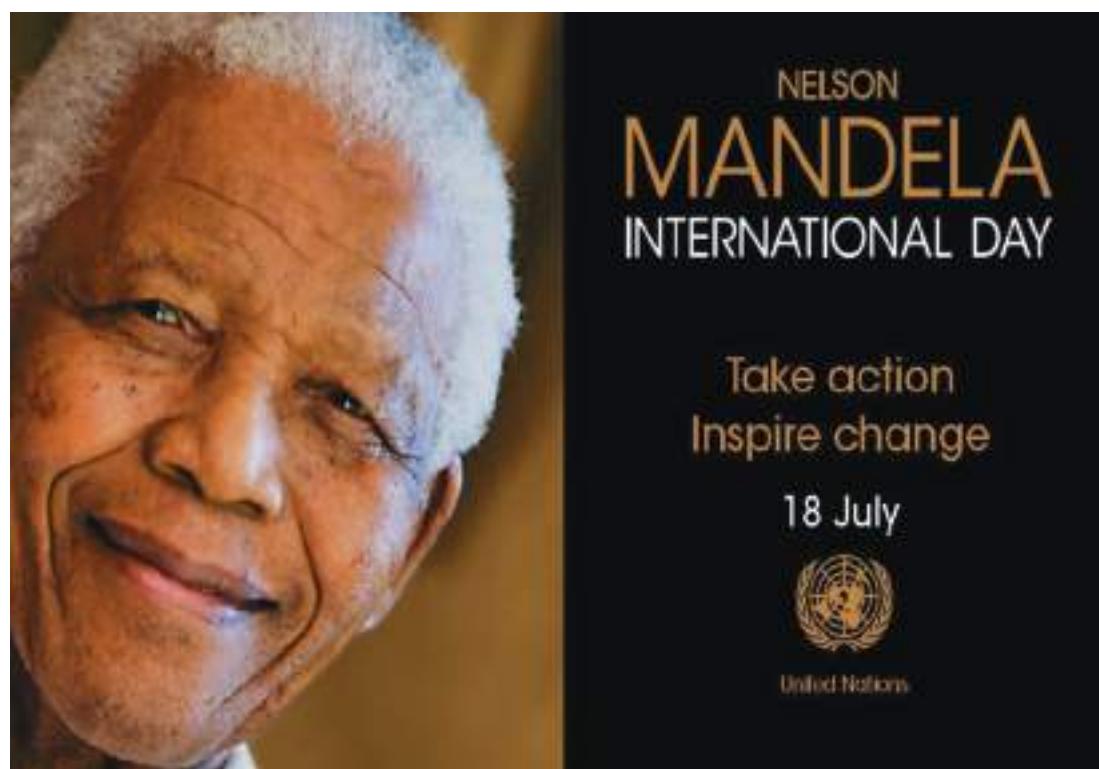
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NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY- JULY 18 REASON TO CELEBRATE



Representative Helen Giddings (D-Dallas) will host Nelson Mandela International Day at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church located at 5710 East R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75223 on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at both the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, which is open to the public. This event commemorates one of history's most revered human rights activists, South Africa's Nelson Mandela. Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years for his efforts to end South African apartheid. Nelson Mandela spent much of that time in the Robben Island facility. Following his 1990 release, he was elected President of the new democratic South Africa in the country's first free election.

In 2009, the General Assembly of the United Nations declared July 18th as Nelson Mandela International Day.

As Honorary Consul for South Africa to Texas, Ms. Giddings is proud to lead the effort in Texas this year. The day is called, "It's in Your Hands," and will encourage a call to service for all Texans. Everyone is asked to volunteer 67 minutes of their day on July 18th, to volunteer and to help others. For 67 years, the Nobel Peace prize winner, Mandela devoted his life to humanitarian service as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker, and the first democratically elected president of a free South Africa.

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Holy Cross Annual Squires Mass



Photo by Ferguson Fotos

It takes a lot of people working together to conduct a Mass for a congregation the size of Holy Cross. You need ushers, altar servers, announcers, readers, not to mention a full choir. For the past few years, the Squires' Circle at Holy Cross has taken on all of these roles for one Mass. The parish has affectionately christened the gathering as the Squires Mass.

For over twenty-five years Father Tim and Charles Watson have overseen Circle 3649 of the Columbian Squires, the parish's youth organization for the Knights of Columbus Catholic Fraternal Order. Charles Watson has been the Chief Counselor of a Squires Circle for about as long as anyone else in the State of Texas. Watson has seen many of "his boys" move on to become successful men who remain followers of Christ.

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President Obama Speaks at NAACP 106th Convention President Addresses Need For Criminal Justice Reform



President Obama at NAACP Convention (AP)

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - President Barack Obama says the United States can no longer close its eyes to the problems in its criminal justice system.

Obama is promoting the need for criminal justice reform at the NAACP's annual convention in Philadelphia.

Obama says the statistics can't

be ignored. He says that in far too many cases, the punishment just doesn't fit the crime. He says low-level drug dealers owe a debt to society - but not a life sentence.

The president says the good news is that Americans of all political parties are starting to realize the need for change. He's urging Congress to act on criminal justice reform.

The speech comes the day after Obama cut the prison sentences of 46 nonviolent drug offenders. Obama plans to visit a federal prison on Thursday.

Hoping to seize on a moment of opportunity, President Barack Obama is pushing for bipartisan action to change the criminal justice system in ways that go far beyond the limited executive powers he's used to reduce harsh prison sentences for dozens of non-violent offenders.

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The Oakland Wine Festival Honors Theodora R. Lee of Theopolis Vineyards as Winemaker of Influence and Impact



The Oakland Wine Festival honors Theodora R. Lee of Theopolis Vineyards as a Winemaker of Influence and Impact along with Kent Rosenblum, Victoria Coleman and Vanessa Robledo.

either silver and/or bronze medals at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition and the San Francisco International Wine Competition.

NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW!!

Dallas ISD Spokesman Jon Dahlander Now Spokesman for Highland Park- He was a spokesman for the Dallas Independent School District for nearly 20 years and resign to become Highland Parks new spokesman, he will begin on August 3.

Blues King- Medical examiners found no evidence to prove the allegations that blues legend B.B. King was poisoned before he died in May, according to autopsy findings made public Monday. Test conducted after two of king's 11 adult children said their father had been murdered showed the cause of death was Alzheimer's disease, plus physical conditions including coronary disease, heart failure and the effects of Type 2 Diabetes, Clark County Coroner John Fudenberg told the Associated Press.

The Outpouring 2015- Urban Gospel Sounds is partnering with Whole Foods, Sephora, AFIT: Assisting Families in Transition, JTC X-Change, Inc., Anointed Urban Radio and Matthew L. Brown Ministries of Fort Worth to spark community involvement in the Historic Area of Lancaster. The Partening organizations will share gifts of food, school supplies, toys and other home items. On Saturday, July 18 from 11 am - 3 pm at Life in Christ Damilly Church, 1312 Johns Avenue, Lancaster, TX. For more information, or to donate and volunteer visit www.urbangospelsounds.com, email chancheri@sbcglobal.net or call 871-689-7264.



Dallas: Too Busy Growing To Hate!



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While some Republicans in Congress are showing new interest in criminal justice legislation, not all GOP legislators saw the president's commutations as a positive step.

Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, a member of the House Judiciary Committee who has proposed bipartisan legislation, accused the president of issuing commutations as a politically motivated stunt.

"Commuting the sentences of a few drug offenders is a move designed to spur headlines, not meaningful reform," Sensenbrenner said.

In the Senate, Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said in a statement he's been working toward bipartisan agreement on broad legislation that could include reductions in mandatory minimum sentences "in certain situations."

Since Congress enacted mandatory minimum sentences for drug crimes in the 1980s, the federal prison population has grown from 24,000 to more than 214,000, according to Families

Against Mandatory Minimums, a group seeking sentencing changes. And the costs, Obama says, are over \$80 billion a year to incarcerate people who often "have only been engaged in nonviolent drug offenses."

"Congress simply can't act fast enough," said Julie Stewart, president and founder of Families Against Mandatory Minimums. She said that while Obama's executive actions have picked off some of the most egregious sentencing inequities, significant legislative action is needed to stop the flow of people "going to prison year in and year out, serving too much time."

Support from tough-on-crime Republicans in any such effort is critical, Stewart said, likening it to a Nixon-goes-to-China moment.

Todd Cox, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, a liberal advocacy group, said there was momentum from both ends of the political spectrum to address the over-criminalization that has "resulted in people being put in prison who frankly shouldn't be there." His group is part of the

Coalition for Public Safety, whose members and backers range from the liberal American Civil Liberties Union to the conservative Koch brothers.

In recent years, as the crime rate has dropped, long drug sentences have come under increasing scrutiny and downward trends already are taking shape.

The Supreme Court has made sentencing guideline ranges advisory rather than mandatory. Obama signed the Fair Sentencing Act in 2010 to cut penalties for crack cocaine offenses. And last year, the independent Sentencing Commission, which sets sentencing policy, reduced guideline ranges for drug crimes and applied those retroactively.

Overall, Obama has commuted the sentences of 89 people, surpassing the combined number of commutations granted by the previous four presidents. But that's still a sliver of all those seeking clemency: Justice Department statistics show that roughly 2,100 commutation petitions have been received so far this fiscal year, and about 7,900 are pending.

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The Premise

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NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY- JULY 18 A REASON TO CELEBRATE

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Here in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, the day will be filled with public service on Nelson Mandela's actual birthday, July 18th. Ms. Giddings will be dedicating her 67 minutes of service at the North Texas Food Bank starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and encourages anyone who is interested to join her. On Sunday, July 19th, there will be a celebration to salute organizations and volunteers at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church in Dallas. The celebration will inspire all people to embrace the values of humanity and peace shared by Nelson



Mandela. public.

There was also a screening of the film "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom," which chronicles the life of Nelson Mandela. The screening was held Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church. This screening was open to the

GM IN ARLINGTON

DETROIT (AP) - General Motors will announce Tuesday that it's spending more than \$1 billion on a huge expansion of its SUV factory in Arlington, Texas.

The company wouldn't comment on specifics of the investment, but it has scheduled a news conference for 1 p.m. Central Time at the factory. Cathy Clegg, GM's manufacturing and labor relations chief, and United Auto Workers Vice President Cindy Estrada, who handles negotiations with GM, are among those scheduled to attend.

Demand for GM's full-size SUVs has been so strong that the plant can't make them fast enough. The Arlington factory has about 3,800 hourly workers on three shifts making



the Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban, GMC Yukon and the Cadillac Escalade. The plant has basically been running flat-out for the past two years, and additional hiring is expected.

Sales of the big GM SUVs are up more than 10 percent through June, according to Auto data Corp. GM has sold more than 111,000 of the truck-based vehicles this year as low gas prices have

helped shift U.S. buyers away from cars and into SUVs of all sizes. But the boom in SUV sales began even before gas prices fell.

The full-size SUVs also are among GM's most profitable. Analysts say GM makes more than \$10,000 per vehicle.

When loaded with options, a Cadillac Escalade, the most expensive of the SUVs, can run more than \$90,000.

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In Loving Memory of Dr. Joe Louis Atkins

Joe L. Atkins was born on March 6, 1936 in Jefferson Texas, to the parentage of Willie and Mable Atkins. His family moved to Dallas, Texas, in 1950, where he continued his formal education. He was a 1954 graduate of Lincoln High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Texas Western, now the University of Texas at El Paso. In 1955 Joe applied for admission to North Texas State College, which is now the University of North Texas. When denied admission, his father and the NAACP filed suit on his behalf in December 1955. The court ruled in his favor. In January of 1956, North Texas State College was open to all African Americans. Joe went on to earn a Master of

Education Degree from the University of North Texas. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He married Marjorie and their union was blessed with one son, Joseph Bernard Atkins.

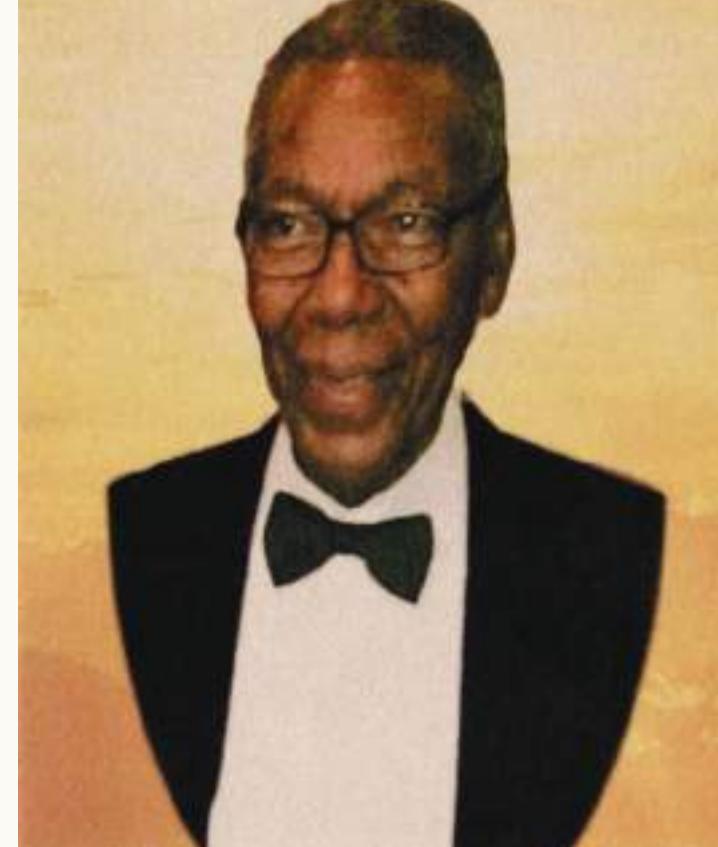
Mr. Atkins taught Journalism and English at James Madison High School and North Dallas High School from 1963 to 1974. He served as a Field Representative for the Texas State Teacher's Association from 1974 to 1997. Where he built a distinguished career defending teachers and developing new leaders.

At the time of his passing, Joe was a real Estate Broker with Joe Atkins Realty, having left Blair White Realtors in March of 2015 to join his son's business.

Award in 2007 for community service.

Dr. Atkins was a member of the Dallas Police Chief Advisory Committee, past chair of the MetroTex Board of Realtors Public education Committee; Board member, African American Museum, Co-Chair, Educators Archives and History Project; Vice President, East Texas Historical Association; Chairman, Good Street Baptist Church Federal Credit Union; and a member of TSTA and NEA.

Joe Atkins is survived by a loving and devoted wife, Marjorie Atkins; son, Joseph Atkins (Charity); Brother, Willie H. Atkins; sisters, Billie Lewis and Eva Burleson; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



In Loving Memory of Mr. Theodore Maxwell Lawe

Theodore (Ted) Maxwell Lawe was born September 21, 1942, in Tampa, Florida to Theodore M. Lawe and Ehren Corinne Lawe Brown.

He was committed to helping others and volunteered extensively in his community. Ted worked for over 40 years in the public and private sectors in the public sector, he served as the Executive Assistant to Mayor Roman Gibb, Detroit, Michigan (1970-1974) and he was the first Black Assistant to City Manager George Schrader, Dallas, Texas (1974-1979).

In the private sector he was an entrepreneur and worked as management consultant to Metroplex Research and Development Consultants; Housing developer and Executive Director of SouthFair CDC; DFW Airport Concessions (Accommodations, Inc.); and Parking Management (Ace Parking).

Until his death, he served as the Historian/Archivist/Curator at the A.C. McMillan African American Museum in Emory, Texas.

He authored books and co-authored articles in the East Texas Historical Journal on the subjects of "Rosenwald Schools" and Racial Politics in Dallas in



the 20th Century." Ted was a past President, past Board Member, and a fellow of East Texas Historical Association. He served as President of the Committee of 100, President of the Cotillion Idlewild Club, Vice President of the African American Museum, and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Theodore M. Lawe held a V.S. Degree in Political Science from Bethune Cookman University, a M.A. Degree in African American History from the University

Theodore M. Lawe IS survived by his wife and partner, Gwendolyn McMillan Lawe; Daughter, Sylvia Lawe Williams; and sons, Theodore M. Lawe, III (Clarece); Grandsons: Anthony Lawe, Alvin Lawe, Avery Lawe, Preston Lawe, and Blair Williams; Granddaughter: Eudora Lawe; sister, Joy Lawe Armstrong; and Brother Willie Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore M. Lawe, Sr. and Ehren Brown; Step-Father, Willie A. Brown; and Brother Robert Lawe.



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"A PSALM ACKNOWLEDGING THE GREATNESS OF OUR GOD"

PSALM 95:1-11



the Lord be praised because He has provided deliverance for us, but in verses 3-5, He should be praised for His majestic sovereignty. The Lord created everything and He is above all "gods". Our God is great and He is above all gods, for no one is His equal!

In verses 6-7, the psalmist exhorts the congregation to praise the Lord because He is the Shepherd of His people. He pleads in verse 6, "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker." He is our guide and protector, and we should praise Him for His awesome provisions. Having spoken about the greatness of our God, the psalmist warns the nation to not be guilty of unbelief that forfeited their forebears in entering into the promised rest in the land. Although the Lord had been gracious unto the people of Israel in the wilderness, the people exhibited an attitude of rebellion and distrust against the Lord (vv. 8-11).

The exhortation reads, "Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work" (vv. 8-9). Because of their unbelief, the older generation that left Egypt did not enter into the Promised Land.

As believers in this dispensation of grace, let us not harden our hearts to God's word. We harden our hearts when we refuse to obey Him. Let us rest in the Lord and His promises unto us - for in doing so, we will experience the peace that only God can offer!

May God Bless!

REV. JOHNNY C. SMITH,
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What a beautiful enthronement psalm we have before us. This psalm issues nothing but praise to our majestic and great God. Certainly, our great God should be adored and praised for Psalm 113:1-3 states: "Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised."

In verses 1-2, the psalmist invites the congregation to sing praises to our great Lord. The congregation is exhorted to praise the Lord, who is the rock of our salvation:

"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation" (v. 1). God has delivered us and we should show Him homage by praising His holy name. He didn't have to bestow His goodness toward us, but He did. And for this reason, we should praise God to the highest. We cannot praise Him enough; He is so deserving of all of our praise! Not only should

EDITORIAL PAGE

The Affordable Care Act Beats Another U.S. Supreme Court Challenge



By Sandra Jordan
Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American

In a major victory for the Obama administration, the Supreme Court upheld by 6-3, that the Affordable Care Act authorizes federal tax credits for eligible Americans living not only in states with their own health insurance exchanges but also in the 34 states with federal exchanges.

President Barack Obama praised the June 25 Supreme Court's decision to uphold the subsidies in his signature health care law by recalling all the hurdles the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has cleared in order to survive.

"After more than 50 votes in Congress to repeal or weaken this law; after a presidential election based in part on preserving or repealing this law; after multiple challenges to this law before the Supreme Court - the Affordable Care Act is here to stay," President Obama said from the White House.

"If the partisan challenge to this law had succeeded, millions of Americans would have had thousands of dollars' worth of tax credits taken from them. For many, insurance would have become unaffordable again. Many would have become uninsured again. Ultimately, everyone's premiums could have gone up. America would have gone backwards. And that's not

being outdoors as much as possible is a major priority. But, excessive heat can cause a variety of heat-related illnesses such as heat rashes, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat strokes. The body normally controls internal temperatures by sweating however during excessive heat, this mechanism is insufficient and body temperatures can reach dangerously high levels. Seniors, children, and people who are ill or overweight are most at risk. Feeling clammy, dizzy, or nauseated are all symptoms of being overheated and should alert you to seek shade, rehydrate with cool water-not ice water, and elevate feet.

Heat strokes occur when temperatures reach 104 or higher either by excessive exercise or inappropriately treated heat exhaustion. Internal temperatures that reach such levels can cause multiple organ damage and is an extremely dangerous condition. On average, over 600 people die each year in the United States from heat related illness which is more than tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and lightning combined.

Tip #4: Obey the rules. Although highway deaths have declined about 25 percent since 2004, the National Highway Safety Administration reported 32,719 deaths in 2013 from crashes. On the other hand, injuries caused by distracted drivers increased by 1 percent. During that same time, about a third of the people between the ages of 21-34 involved in a fatal crash had blood alcohol levels above the legal limit. Furthermore, a large percentage of the pediatric fatalities were unrestrained occupants.

Speed limits are recommended for your safety. Wet roads, curves, and construction are all hazards that not only endanger you but the surrounding drivers as well. Reducing your speed during those road conditions will enable you to more effectively handle your vehicle. In addition, medications, fatigue, and illicit substances like marijuana can delay your reaction time and contribute to driver errors.

Therefore, the bottom line about summer is that it should be a time of fellowship, friendship and fun! Let's make summer 2015 one of the best vacation times ever!

Yours in Service,
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what we do. That's not what America does. We move forward."

At issue in the court challenge King vs. Burwell, was whether the Internal Revenue Service could extend tax-credit subsidies to health insurance coverage purchased through exchanges established by the federal government (like the Missouri Marketplace) under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

"The Supreme Court's decision means that families and individuals across Missouri will still be able to afford health insurance," said Ryan Barker, director of health policy for the Missouri Foundation for Health. "Now, nearly 200,000 Missourians who rely on tax subsidies to help pay their health insurance premium will be able to continue their coverage. These Missourians will not have to choose between health insurance and other basic needs. They will have access to vital health services at affordable costs."

Medicaid expansion, a key component of the Affordable Care Act, continues to face legislative opposition in Missouri, even though it is almost totally funded by the federal government to get more people enrolled in health coverage. In a statement, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon said,

"However, it is important to note that there are hundreds of thousands more Missourians who continue to be denied access to affordable health care due to the Missouri legislature's inaction on Medicaid."

Nixon added the "ruling by the Roberts Court to uphold the Affordable Care Act a second time removes all doubt that the ACA is and will remain the law of the land. There are no more excuses for continuing to send our tax dollars to other states and denying 300,000 working Missourians the opportunity to access affordable health care coverage through Medicaid expansion."

The governor said he looks forward to working with the General Assembly next session to finally bring Missouri tax dollars home to provide affordable health coverage to hundreds of thousands of hard-working Missourians through Medicaid expansion.

In the last health insurance enrollment period, those tax credits benefitted 90 percent of Missouri Marketplace enrollees, who qualified for premium tax credits to lower their costs. Cover Missouri reports the tax credits lowered the average premium payment from \$363 to \$85 per month.

For more information regarding health insurance coverage, visit www.covermissouri.org.

A Little Bit of Faith: Storms Love More Sincerely



BY COLLEEN WHITE

words only, but with our actions as well.

If you are the kind of person who talks a great talk about your love for God and others and yet, your actions don't line up with your words, then you might need to take a moment to think about what you are doing. None of us love perfectly. However, we can learn to love more sincerely. Our heavenly Father desires that our actions be a reflection of a sincere and pure heart. When we are able to love more sincerely and purely, then we are getting closer to how Paul would like for us to love one another.

Do you want to learn how to love more sincerely? The first step is to learn how to worship God in faith and truth. Once we are able to learn how to love God with a sincere heart, then our actions will start to reflect more of His love and sincerity.

Are you ready to love with a God like heart? I know I am.

Amen? Amen.

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Evil

Evil is the work of the devil, Evil lives inside of very unhappy people. Evil will cause you to do bad devlish things toward your family, Friends, and neighbors to be jealous of each other. Evil causes anger, Fighting, Killings, and world wars. Evil causes people to say hurting words to each other. Evil is another word for HATE! Evil is just another name for satan. By Sandra Gipson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

DALLAS VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROGRAM HOSTS MONTHLY LEGAL CLINICS FOR DALLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS

In the month of July, the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP), a joint initiative of the Dallas Bar Association and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, will hold nine free Legal Clinics for Dallas County residents who meet certain financial guidelines. All clinics begin at 5:00 p.m.

Schedules and locations are as follows:

East Dallas (Grace United Methodist Church-4105 Junius)

at Haskell)
July 16
South Dallas (Martin Luther King, Jr. Center-2922 MLK Blvd.)
July 14; and July 18
West Dallas (3107 N. Winnetka Dallas, TX 75212)
Thursdays, July 9; and July 23

Garland (Salvation Army-451 W. Avenue D, Garland, TX 75040)

Thursday, July 16
Friendship West Baptist Church (2020 West Wheatland Rd., Dallas, TX 75232)

" Wednesday, July 15

The clinics offer free legal advice and consultation in civil matters for those who qualify under Legal Aid's income eligibility guidelines. Applicants are asked to bring proof of income,

identification, legal papers, etc. with them to the clinic. For more information, log on to <http://dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org/get-help/>.

DESOTO ISD WILL PROVIDE FREE LUNCHES OVER THE SUMMER

West Middle School, 800 N. Westmoreland Road, will offer breakfast at the same time through Thursday, July 2, then July 20-31 and again Aug. 3-4. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. through Thursday, July 2, then from 11 a.m. to noon on July 20-31 and Aug. 3-4.

Children 18 and younger are eligible to participate. For more information, visit desotisd.org.

Parkland Dietitian Offers Tips For Cool and Healthy Summer Snacks

Simple ingredients, imagination create delicious options

DALLAS - As the summer heat begins to crank up and with 100-degree days just around the corner, everyone is looking for ways to cool down.

One way to chill is to create cool snacks for you and your children during the heat of summer. Ice cream isn't the only refreshing option. By using a little imagination and plentiful seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, a dietitian from Parkland Health & Hospital System explains, you can include nutritious snacks to your efforts to keep cool.

"Summer is a great time for picnics and barbecues and just hanging out by the pool or lake," said Sharon Cox, RD, a registered dietitian at Parkland. "And while summer fare can be heavy and filling, it doesn't have to be, especially when it comes to snacks."

Kids are always interested in treats that are fun and tasty, and it's easy to turn a few ingredients into something they'll love, Cox said.

"Fresh fruit is affordable, nutritious and refreshing during the heat-filled days of July and August," she stated. "Fruit can be mixed with Greek yogurt and frozen as a healthy replacement to ice cream. Fruit also can be used with cheese to make fruit 'kabobs.' Or you can whip up a fruit and yogurt parfait or make 100 percent fruit popsicles using fruit juice and diced fruit."

Pudding spread over a single graham cracker square, topped by another square and then frozen makes a delicious treat; or you can make a vanilla wafer fruit pizza using cream cheese and diced fruit. And, you are not limited to fruit, Cox added. You can make a tasty carrot and hummus snack in an ice cream cone or have salsa with baked tortilla chips. There are more great ideas such as hollowing out a zucchini or cucumber and stuffing it with tomatoes, cucumber and feta cheese, as well as a vegetable taco with cheese or wrap a slice of turkey in a lettuce leaf spread with cream cheese.

Other cool summer treats include:

•Banana-peanut butter wrap in a tortilla or wheat bread

•Fruit pizza on a graham cracker crust with cream cheese and sliced fruit

•Frozen watermelon, grape or peach pops on a stick

•Frozen yogurt sandwich with yogurt and diced fruit spread between two graham crackers

•Use a cookie cutter, or different shaped containers for frozen fruit pops and top with fresh mint

"As you can see, there are all kinds of fun and delicious combinations you can create with your family, and ones they will enjoy during the summer for years to come. And, the most important thing is that they are healthier alternatives to other snacks that are usually loaded with sugar, salt or fat," Cox said.

You can find recipes for these tasty and healthy summer snacks at www.parkland-hospital.com/Recipes. For more information about the services provided at Parkland visit www.parklandhospital.com.

Local Children's Theater Presents African Inspired Play

Roots for Youth African Children's Theater is back in action!

DALLAS, Texas, July 13, 2015 Providing a cultural experience to enhance the lives of youth is just as important as feeding them nutritious food daily. It helps them to grow well. The Roots for Youth African Children's Theater provides just the right cultural food for the city of Dallas with their production of "I'm No Fool!", an original play written and directed by local actress Renee Miche' al. The production opens Friday, August 7th, 2015 with a 7:30 PM performance at the Act of Change, Inc., Institute of Cultural Arts located at 3200 S. Lancaster Rd., Ste. 623 in the Lancaster-Kiest Shopping Center in Oak Cliff. It will run throughout the weekend with two performances on Saturday, August 8th at 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM, and a closing performance on Sunday, August 9th at 2:30 PM.

Roots for Youth has performed previous African inspired performances at the City of Dallas City Arts Festivals sponsored by TXU.

Previous productions have carried audiences to Senegal, Ghana, Haiti, and even South Africa. The theater incorporates the African culture of each country into its productions by consulting with natives of the land and integrating the language, music, and dance of the country into the play. Children ages five to eighteen have contributed to the glory of the theater's experiences. Each time, the youth have gained great insight into the culture and lifestyle of a people they had no knowledge of, and left with a rewarding experience.

Youth thespian Qaadir Muhammad says, "I like performing in the plays because I get to sing and learn a new language. I also get to learn more about Africa."

Theater founder, Renee Miche' al states, "I do this because I care about the growth of the youth of our community."

The Act of Change Artistic Director, Esudele Fagbenro when asked why he thought the production was important to the community, stated, "By being an African-Centered play, it represents who we are

and how we were. We need to know this culture, and as we know it we need to be able to show it."

Wole Akanni Duro Ladipo and Otunba Babajide Ologundudu Oladipupo, international businessmen of Impeccable First Eye Concepts, a Cultural Exchange organization mentored the theater group on the Yoruba culture of Nigeria. Mr. Ladipo states, "Yoruba Cultural values have become a global interest. African-American youth acting, drumming and dancing to a Yoruba setting play in the English language and the Yoruba language through idiomatic expression and proverbs is really amazing. What a real example of cultural exchange. Impeccable First Eye Concept is highly honored to be part of this project.

Roots for Youth will collaborate with Mr. Lapido in the upcoming Yoruba Cultural Festival to be held in Grand Prairie on September 26, 2015. For more information: www.yorubaculturalfestival.com.

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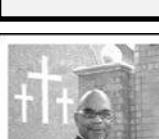
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COWBOYS, BRYANT AGREE TO 5-YEAR, \$70M DEAL



IRVING, Texas (AP) - A person close to the negotiations says Dez Bryant has agreed to a five-year, \$70 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The deal with the All-Pro receiver broke a stalemate that lasted months, and ended about an hour before the Wednesday deadline to

get a multiyear deal done. The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been announced, provided the terms to The Associated Press. The contract includes \$45 million guaranteed for last year's NFL leader in touchdowns receiving.

Bryant had threatened to

skip training camp and regular-season games without a contract to replace the \$12.8 million offer for one year he had under the franchise tag.

Now the Cowboys can focus on defending their NFC East title and trying to make a deeper playoff run after one that ended on

Bryant's much-debated catch that wasn't in a divisional-round loss to Green Bay.

The deal ended the contract-related drama that filled the offseason for the Cowboys. First they decided not to match Philadelphia's offer on running back DeMarco Murray in free

agency, and let the NFL rushing leader go to one of their division rivals.

Then the focus turned to Bryant, who scored 16 times last season and has the most touchdowns receiving in the league since 2010, when Dallas drafted him late in the first round after his stock fell over concerns about off-the-field issues.

Bryant would occasionally use Twitter to express frustration over not having what he thought was a suitable offer. The most pointed threat came Monday, when he tweeted he would "not be there if no deal," clearly a reference to training camp coming up in two weeks.

Bryant had already said he would consider missing games, at a cost of about \$750,000 each time he didn't play.

Before the long-term deal got done, Dallas couldn't fine Bryant for missing off-season workouts and camp practices because he hadn't signed the guaranteed \$12.8 million tender. Bryant didn't practice all spring, but did show up from time to time. That included the final mandatory minicamp work-

out, when he had a 15-minute conversation with owner Jerry Jones.

Because of those appearances, the Cowboys were gambling that the passionate Bryant simply wouldn't be able to stay away once games started. Now Dallas doesn't have to worry about it.

The Cowboys believed they could let Murray walk because they've assembled one of the NFL's best offensive lines, bolstered by three first-round picks in the past five drafts. The last of those, Zack Martin, was the first rookie All-Pro for Dallas since Calvin Hill in 1969.

But the prospect of playing without Bryant was more daunting for Dallas. He has more catches (381), yards (5,424) and touchdowns (56) through five years than any receiver in franchise history - a list that includes Hall of Famers Michael Irvin and Bob Hayes.

The most accomplished receiver behind Bryant is Terrance Williams, who has 81 grabs for 1,357 yards and 13 TDs in two seasons.

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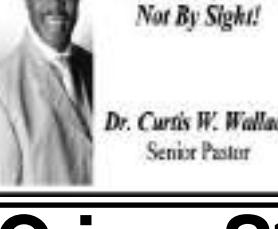
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Dallas, Texas 75232 * (214) 339-5800



Rev. J. L. Endes, Jr., Pastor

Schedule of Service

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Brotherhood (1st & 3rd Wed.) 8:00 p.m.
Senior Mission (1st & 3rd Wed.) 8:00 p.m.
Adult & Youth Bible Study (Fri.) 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday

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Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Sober Street Dallas, Texas 75205
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Peter Harriet T. Parker

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Service (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Wednesday) 7:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Saint Phillips Missionary Baptist Church
6000 Singing Hills Drive
Dallas, Texas 75241
214.374.6631

Rev. Dr. C.J.R. Phillips, Jr., Pastor

Schedule of Activities

Sunday
Early Morning Worship- 8 AM
Church School- 9AM
Morning Worship- 10AM

Munger Avenue Baptist Church
3919 Munger Avenue Dallas Texas 75204
(214) 824-8312 MABC2000@eglobe.net



Rev. Wade Charles Davis

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Service
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Family Fellowship Dinner 5:20 p.m.
Prayer Morning/Bible Study 6:30-8:30pm
Youth Bible Study & Rehearsal 7:00-8:30 p.m.

NEW BIRTH BAPTIST CHURCH
444 W. Leibner Drive Dallas, Texas 75224
214-374-0828

Br. George W. Price, Pastor

Sunday Worship
Early Services Sunday School 9:00 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Praise & Worship 11:00 AM
Our Amazing New Life Ministry 12:00 PM
Tuesday Evening Fellowship 7:00 PM
Wednesday Open Bible Study (Open Topic Interpreted) 7:00PM
Prayer Morning/Mid-Week Service 8:00PM
Kris Braswell 214-941-0400 Monday-Friday 1:30PM
Sunday Night Bible Study 7:30PM

Eastside Church of Christ

Schedule of Services
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 am
Wednesday Night Bible Class 7:00 pm
Thursday Night Disciples Class 6:00 pm

holy cross catholic church
3000 Burnet View Road, Suite 100 E
Dallas, Texas 75201
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Sr. Miss Scholastic

Masses: Anticipated - Saturday, 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. in English

11 a.m. in Spanish

10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Rev. Timothy Scholastic, Pastor

10:30 a

Back to School Fair

August 15, 2015
10:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.
Lancaster High School Coliseum
200 E. Wintergreen RD.
Lancaster, Texas 75134

Holy Cross Annual Squires Mass

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This year's Squires Mass held on May 31, 2015 was devoted to its Chief Counselor of over twenty-five years, Charles Watson. Mr. Watson was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer last year and underwent a grueling bout of cancer treatment. Watson had a bone marrow transplant in November of 2014 and was expected to be hospitalized for two weeks. However, he remained in and out of hospitals and treatment centers throughout March of 2015. There were times when things did not look bright for Mr. Watson. However, with constant prayer and faith, Watson was pronounced cancer-free shortly before the Squires Mass. At the Mass, Watson lead a choir comprised of Squires through a testimony of praise which brought many in the congregation to tears.

In attendance at the Mass were Knights of Columbus

State and District representatives Roger Scott, Gary Betz and Bob Seegmiller, Texas State Squires Chairman Kevin Quinn and numerous visiting Dallas area Squires Circles and their families. In honor of Charles Watson's miraculous medical recovery, over a dozen past members of Circle 3649 returned to participate in the Mass.

The Squires honored its Chief Squire Sean Clemons as Squire of the Year with the 14th Annual Chris Watson Memorial Scholarship. Sean Clemons has been the leader of Circle 3649 for two years, and is now leaving the Circle to join his older brother Kyle Clemons at the University of Missouri. Also honored was Squire Jarren Narcisse, who received a special college scholarship award from the family of recently departed Holy Cross church member Marcus Small. Jarren Narcisse just graduated from DeSoto

High School and is planning to attend college at Southern University.

Holy Cross Catholic Church is perhaps the most racially diverse Catholic parish in Dallas. Many of the families date back to the church's beginnings when the parish was predominantly Czech and Italian-American. For the past several decades, Holy Cross has developed the most sizable African-American Catholic congregation in Dallas. Currently, the Hispanic numbers have blessed the church with an energetic growth that makes Holy Cross a role model for functional diversity. All of this is lead by Father Tim Gollob who has been the church's pastor for over forty years.

Circle 3649 invites all to visit Holy Cross Catholic Church on any Sunday. If you make it on the fourth Sunday of the month, you will see the Squires in the kitchen serving your breakfast.

My Day: Ella Fitzgerald Award Comes to Dallas



By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Established by the Festival International de Jazz de Montreal, the Ella Fitzgerald Award celebrates the range, versatility and improvisational originality as well as the repertoire of a jazz singer. It is an international award being received by such giants as Diana Ross, Liza Minnelli, Diana Krall, Al Jarreau, Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin and oh-o-oo Dee Dee Bridgewater. What a lineup!

Erykah Badu is the recipient

of the 17th Annual Ella Fitzgerald Award and still considers herself 'a little girl from South Dallas'. Her credits have already earned her international status, but this prestigious award is certainly 'icing-on-the-cake'. The Montreal Jazz Festival, held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, is the oldest and the largest music festival in the world boasting about 2.5 million visitors per year. It is definitely the place for jazz lovers. There are some 1,000 concerts, 15 indoors and 10 outdoors. The second largest is the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, also with record attendance.

Ella Fitzgerald first appeared at the Apollo Theatre in 1934. In 1958, Ella Fitzgerald became the first African American woman to win a Grammy Award. She returned to the Apollo and was billed as "Ella Fitzgerald and her Famous Orchestra".

Erykah Badu is a native, a beloved star and a Booker T. Washington alum. She has a

great sense of style.

Audiences are fascinated with her onstage boisterous personality. I personally enjoy her array of head dress couture, befittingly just so, and her range and ability to relate to her audiences. I have to note here, that not everybody can arrange, navigate and perform with a towering headress on board. Over the years Erykah has dazzles us with many things to write about. Her appearance at the Essence Festival was the talk-of-the-town. She apparently gave the audience exactly what they ordered.

So, what can I say. Erykah Badu is a "gem" of many facets. It's been a good year.

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