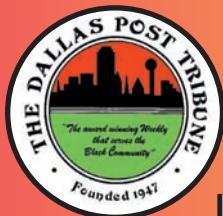


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## MISS DYMOND HAYES CROWNED “MISS BLACK TEXAS USA 2013”



Pictured from Left to Right: 4th Runner up Miss Prairie View BriAna Franklin, 2nd Runner Up Miss College Station Lindsay Booker, Miss Black Texas USA 2013 Dymond Hayes, 1st Runner Up Miss Fort Worth Micaela Watkins, 3rd Runner Up Miss Southwest Texas Roneshia Ray

Good things really do happen in three's. After placing in the Top 5 contestants at the annual Miss Black Texas USA Pageant twice, Dymond Hayes finally heard her name called last as Miss Black Texas USA 2013.

During her reign, the 21-year-old Hayes will be a champion for breast cancer awareness through her platform entitled, "Make the Impact of a Lifetime through Breast Cancer Awareness and Early Detection!" Having lost a grandmother to breast cancer and with her mother's 2003 breast cancer diagnosis, Hayes considers breast cancer awareness her life's mission. She has already formed partnerships with The Komen Foundation and Siteman Cancer Center and is the spokesperson for Susan Komen's Advocacy Alliance. So far Hayes has raised over \$38,000 since 2003 towards the fight against breast cancer through creative programs as Cancer Cheer, Chemo Cold Treats, and Jump for a Cure. As Miss Black Texas USA she hopes to gain a broader platform to instill her message.

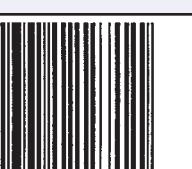
Currently, Hayes is a senior political science major, comparative women's studies minor at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia.

As the Miss Black Texas USA winner, Hayes automatically becomes a delegate for the coveted title of Miss Black USA 2013 and will compete during the summer of 2013. Hayes was also the winner of the evening gown competition.

Miss Black Fort Worth USA Micaela Watkins was named first runner-up and interview winner. Miss Black College Station USA Lindsay Booker was second runner-up and fitness winner. Miss Black Southwest Texas USA Roneshia Ray was third runner-up and talent winner. Miss Black Prairie View USA BriAna Franklin was selected as fourth runner-up.

Apply today to be part of Texas royalty. The Miss Black Texas USA Organization has pageants for young ladies age 5 and up. They are Miss Black Texas USA Princess (ages 5-10), Miss Black Teen Texas USA (ages 13-18), Miss Black Texas USA (ages 18-27), and Ms. Black Texas USA (ages 21 up - married or have children). The Miss Black Texas USA Organization is a part of the Miss Black USA Organization and Black All-American Pageant Systems, Inc. It operates as a 501 © 3 organization. Apply online at [www.missblacktexasusa.com](http://www.missblacktexasusa.com).

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# YOUTH TODAY

## FROM WHERE I SIT

By Ms. Sandra Crenshaw

**Proverbs 29:25 " Fear of Man proves to be a snare.....Those who trust in the Lord are kept Safe."**

October is Mental Health Awareness Month. Given that October 31, 2009 was the anniversary date that my siblings and I buried our parents who had died within days of each other and as the eldest of the family, I thought it timely that I write about the mental illness in MY family in order to encourage millions of other people suffering from mental illness to seek medical attention.

We have all heard the horror stories of family disputes, probate issues and even arguments over seating arrangements at funerals that brought to light the dark side of people. It is recognized by mental health experts that traumatic events like death, divorce, loss of a job can trigger psychosis in persons with borderline personality disorders.

In her last days, my mother advised us that she no longer wanted to live and begged us to complete the "do not resuscitate" authorization forms. My father said he didn't want to live without her and left the Veteran's Hospital against medical advice. While waiting for my mother to be returned to the family home on hospice, my baby brother and sister advised me that my mother wanted my sister to be in charge instead of

me. They then ran up and down the street knocking on the neighbors' door screaming, "My mom is dying, I don't want this be in the neighborhood," "she just got out of mental insane asylum." My sister started crying, "Sandra is trying to set me on fire," "she beat my mother with a skillet, she tried to poison our food, she tried to run a car through the house. She sleeps in a car at a dead man's house. I called 911 to see if I should try to get them to a hospital.

In 2008, a year before our loss, I voluntarily submitted "MY OWN SELF" for psychiatric treatment after I was publically humiliated by the Democratic Party reporting to the Dallas Morning News that I was under investigation for voter fraud stemming from a dispute in the Obama Precinct Caucus. It had become common for my political adversaries, James Fantroy, Dwaine Caraway, Rufus Shaw and JP Thomas Jones to publically characterize me as crazy. Like everybody else, I wanted to avoid the stigma of seeing a psychiatrist, but I came to realize the impact of my political activism on my family, especially when our home and personal vehicles were firebombed on Father Day's in 2003, prior to a zoning case that my family and neighbors were opposing. We were all so traumatized by the arson that we were afraid that if we continued to oppose

the developers, we would face further retaliation. To this date, my sister appeals to the DA, judges, and anybody that will listen that I am torturing her but I have not given up on my efforts to get my family some help. Some stressful workplaces like the US Post Office will pay for the treatment of their employees and family members. Our JP Courts are now trained to assist parents of drug addicts who refuse to leave their homes.

Alcoholic Anonymous is one place that I sought for directions. There is help. Call 211 for a complete list of agencies that can help you cope with family members.

The more publicity we can get to educate not only the mentally ill but their families, their co-workers, and most importantly the law enforcement agencies. The closer we come to eradicating the stigma that prevents the mentally ill from getting help, more can get help and live productive lives.

It is most important that families prepare for death, prepare for funerals, and wills. It is important to know that if you are depressed or grieving over a loss, that it is not a shame to seek help. I close with this you must be a believer. I know firsthand, that FAITH can be the difference between those who survive and those that lose their minds. My faith in the Creator is intact.

## Dallas ISD News You Ought to Know

Thursday, October 18

Dallas ISD parents are invited to fall semester parent/teacher conferences to meet students' teachers and learn more about students' academic progress and challenges. Meeting will take place from 4 to 8 PM on Thursday, October 18 at elementary schools. Students' first report cards will be issued at the parent/teacher conferences.

Saturday, October 20

Students in District 5 will celebrate academics at the Academic Pep Rally hosted by Dallas ISD School Board President Lew Blackburn at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, 525 Bonnie View Rd.

Students in grades pre-k through 12, who have an A in core subjects (math, English, science and history) will be eligible to win prizes such as gift cards of up to \$100. There also will be prizes for students with perfect attendance, as well as for parents and teachers.

The Academic Pep Rally will include entertainment such as bands, cheerleading squads, and dancers from the District 5 schools.



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## DEAR EDITOR:

Flu season has arrived, along with many health organizations' reminders to consumers stop by a local pharmacy or even retail outlet to get your annual flu shot. But some

large employers are taking a much different approach and setting records in the process to keep their employees well and the flu bug at bay.

Mass, single-day inoc-

ulation drives are taking center stage this year. Last week, Kaiser Permanente set a new world record for the most flu shots given in a single day, administering 47,259 shots in an

eight-hour period. That's nearly four times the previous record (according to Guinness World Records) held by Vanderbilt University, which administered 12,851 shots.



By Mrs. Colleen White

"Be filled with the Spirit...singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:18-19). Sometimes our lives are filled with so much noise that we have a difficult time allowing our heart to be filled with the Spirit. When this occurs, we also have a difficult time praising and being thankful to God as well.

If you have children, you

### A Little Bit of Faith: Learn to be Filled with the Spirit

know how difficult it can be to find time to fill yourself spiritually. If you are working, you know how difficult it can be to structure your time to be more spiritual at work. If you are in college, you know that it's difficult to find time to think of other things besides the immediate situation of getting work done for your classes. All of us have something that is clamoring for our time.

But in the book of Ephesians, Paul is reminding us to fill ourselves with God's spirit. How can we do this?

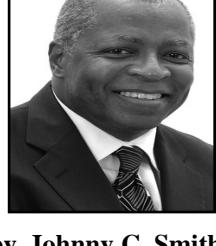
Well, one thing that we can do is take time in the morning, before we start our day, to pray. If you only have five minutes to pray,

then pray with a sincere heart for five minutes. If you have time to pray at around lunch for a few minutes, then do so. However, throughout your day, allow your love for Christ to be like a melody that lingers in your spirit. This way you can have good positive thoughts about your faith, your Savior, and your relationship with Christ.

What does this mean? This means that you are taking time out of your day to spend with Him (Christ). The more time we spend with Him, the more time you will want to spend. Then you will find yourself reading the scriptures just a little bit more. Our relationship with Christ is like any other kind of relation-

ship we may have with someone; we have to put the effort forward to spend time with them. We have to do the same thing to spend time with our Lord and Savior.

Can you find time to spend with your Lord and Savior today? Are you willing to slow down a tad in order to speak with Him? If you are, then you are on your way to building a better relationship with Christ. I know I am ready to begin improving my relationship with Christ by being "...filled with the Spirit...and singing and making melody in..." my heart to my Lord (Ephesians 5:18-19). Amen? Amen.



Rev. Johnny C. Smith,  
Pastor – Mount Moriah  
Missionary Baptist Church

### "A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF PSALMS "

#### "The Psalmist's Confidence and Trust in the Lord" Psalm 25:1-22

mies triumph over me." Yes, those who truly trust in the Lord are guaranteed that their prayers will be answered and their needs will be met. Our Lord will answer the cries of His people but you have to wait for the answer and your praises will come as Psalm 40:1 says - "I waited patiently for the Lord: and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry."

In verses 4-7, David is earnestly calling upon the Lord to show, lead and teach him God's way - "Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths" (v. 4). It is really a glorious privilege to be able to ask the Lord to guide your

steps in this age of darkness. We need the Lord to guide us all the way to glory as Psalm 73:24 assures - "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." The psalmist spoke of the loving kindness of the Lord and he also asked that the Lord to "remember not the sins of is youth" (vs. 6-7). Thank God that because of His mercy, He has pardoned our sins.

Exalting the flawless character of the Lord, David prays for forgiveness for his great iniquity in verses 8-11 - "For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great" (v. 11). In verses 12-

14, David declares that the person that truly has been instructed in God's word will fear Him. A saint of God is truly wise when he fears or reverences God.

Finally, David concludes this psalm in verses 15-22 by praying that the Lord would deliver him from the troubles prompted by his enemies - "Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net" (v. 15). And in verse 21 - "Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee", David was confident that the Lord would deliver him because his hope was in the Lord.

May God Bless!

## YOU MATTER, NOW MORE THAN EVER!



Mrs. Cheryl Nielsen

We're getting down to the wire in this year's race for the White House. In our digital world of sometimes dizzying 24/7 information overload, both political camps are relying heavily on media in its plethora of forms to reach you and influence your vote. As we draw closer to November 6, you are correct if you think the intensity of the political ads has increased. According to Nielsen data, this is especially true if you live in any of this election's nine key "swing" or "battleground" states - Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia or Wisconsin. Nielsen's summarized Designated Market Areas (DMAs) within each state show that year-to-date through the beginning of September; President Obama's reelection campaign has saturated those states with almost 230,000 ads, more than

twice the ads from the campaign of his opponent, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney (87,000). The lone exception here is Wisconsin, where Gov. Romney's campaign leads by 561 ads.

How much influence do these ads actually have? Data shows that an effective advertising campaign in a swing state can mean the difference between victory and defeat on Election Day. It might be most interesting to watch which way Ohio goes, as no Republican presidential candidate has ever won the race without the assistance of this critical state's electoral votes. Thus far in Ohio, the margin of the number of ads is the greatest, with the Romney campaign running just over 17,000 ad units; and the Obama camp running nearly three times that amount - 51,000 ads.

Then there are the Presidential debates. At this writing, Nielsen ratings show that an estimated 67.2 million people watched the first debate between President Obama and Gov. Romney. That was up 28% over the first presidential debate in 2008 between then-Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain. Eleven networks broadcast live coverage from 9:00 to 10:30 pm, while

Telemundo aired coverage on tape delay.

To put our viewership of this year's first presidential debate in a different perspective, 111.3 million people watched the New York Giants beat the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl this year, making it the highest rated TV broadcast in U.S. history. So, the Super Bowl still reigns supreme.

As for the 2012 political conventions, according to Nielsen's analysis of both the Republican and Democratic gatherings, nearly as many people (57% of all U.S. Households or 65.4 million homes) tuned into at least one of those political events as watched the first presidential debate. That, however, is down from 64.5% (or 73.2 million homes) in 2008. Taking a look at the viewership of each of the speeches by each candidate (given on the final night of each convention), President Obama had a slight edge, with 13.7% of viewers to Gov. Romney's 12.5%. Breaking it down even further, both candidates were pretty much neck-in-neck with people over age 55. Almost 26% of this demographic tuned in to watch Gov. Romney, and 25% of the same demo watched President Obama's speech. Each party, of course, selected

high-profile speakers to address their respective conventions; with the Republicans choosing veteran actor Clint Eastwood and the Democrats engaging former President Bill Clinton. The ratings results there: Clinton drew slightly more viewers across all demographics. However, viewership among males was closest, with 9.7% watching Eastwood's speech and 9.8% tuning into Clinton.

Are you seeing again how much your choice of what you watch matters? It is as though you are "voting" with your remote (only in terms of TV though, not the voting booth. There, you have to show up in person).

The political "games" continue with the vice presidential debate, two more presidential debates and yes, intensified ads from both sides. In every column, I show you all the many ways in which You Matter with every consumer choice you make. But, you matter more now than ever, and it does not matter whether you are blue or red. According to the recent African-American Consumers: Still Vital, Still Growing report, approximately 71% or 28 million of us are of voting age. So, whatever the color of your state, you've got the power. Make sure you use it on November 6.



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## HOROSCOPES

October 18 - 24

### ARIES

Your money instincts are itchy! Go ahead and scratch, because you've got the golden touch this week. Promise yourself that you'll take at least one small step toward your dreams each day this week. You go!

Soul Affirmation: I seek connection with the best that is in me.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 20, 25

### SCORPIO

Can you take a week off from work? It's a perfect week to relax with a loved one in one of your favorite ways. Even if you can only spend a few hours decompressing you'll be surprised at how little it takes to feel bliss this week.

Soul Affirmation: I let the outer world and inner world change places this week

Lucky Numbers: 34, 45, 50

### SAGITTARIUS

Vibrations this week make everyone feel as if the universe has given them another chance. Your fresh start may come in a romantic area. Buy a bouquet of flowers for your partner on your way home from work. See what happens.

Soul Affirmation: I celebrate freedom of mind this week.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 24, 26

### CAPRICORN

A short trip for business reasons gives you a little personal space to make some notes to yourself. Remember your best self, and keep a positive outlook. Buy a lottery ticket this week at your destination, or watch for some other type of "found" money.

Soul Affirmation: I judge no one, especially myself this week.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 17, 32

### AQUARIUS

Your home may need some of your attention. This is a fine week to check the fire alarm battery, put away gardening equipment, or redecorate your dining area. The results of a shopping trip for new bed linens will please you very much.

Soul Affirmation: I keep my smile shining, especially at home.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 17, 31

### PISCES

Spend some time in the company of friends early in the week, then spend your afternoon relaxing. Your ability to tune out and meditate on the goodness that surrounds is comes easy. Let the good vibrations massage you with bliss.

Soul Affirmation: I let positive emotions carry me through the week.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 23, 34

### VIRGO

Your best self is on parade this week, and wow! You look good! Co-workers will beat a path to your cubicle, so be prepared to turn chatterboxes away gently. Give your honey a phone call or send a loving email.

Soul Affirmation: I open myself up to the vibrations of love.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 25, 36

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2012

### THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY AT HAMILTON PARK UNITED METHODIST

The Health and Wellness Ministry at Hamilton Park United Methodist invites the local community to our annual health and wellness fair from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, October 27, 2012. The fair will be held at the church located at 11881 Schroeder Road in Dallas, cross streets are Forest and Central. The event is free an open to the public.

During the fair, you will have an opportunity to visit with up to 22 health professionals providing screenings, information and educational services.

### SEASONS 52 AT NORTHPARK CENTER DALLAS TO OPEN OCTOBER 29TH

Seasons 52, the highly-acclaimed fresh grill and wine bar restaurant, has announced its newest location at NorthPark Center in Dallas, will officially open on October 29, 2012. This will be the second location for

Seasons 52 in Texas, following on the success of the Plano location in the Shops at Legacy.

Stephen Judge, president, Seasons 52, has also announced key management positions for the NorthPark location including Cassie Presley as the Executive Chef Partner, Corey Wagner as the Managing Partner and Sarah Dalzell as the Field Sales Manager.

Chef Presley has worked in kitchens across the southern United States from Louisiana to Tennessee. She brings her extensive culinary knowledge with upmarket dining and impeccable food presentation to the Seasons 52 team.

"Cassie is a highly versatile and accomplished chef with solid experience in upscale cuisine," said Clifford Pleau, senior culinary director for Seasons 52. "Her talent and expertise is a match for the Seasons 52 concept. Cassie will be an incredible asset as we open at NorthPark, one of the premier shopping centers in the United States."

### HARVEST FEST

Join the Top Ladies of Distinction Inc. Dallas Chapter as they assist The Metropolitan Dream Center and Cedar Crest CME Church along with many local Churches, Dallas Police and Fire Departments on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Cedar Crest CME Church, 1616 E. Illinois Ave., Dallas 75216, for the 9th Annual Harvest Fest.

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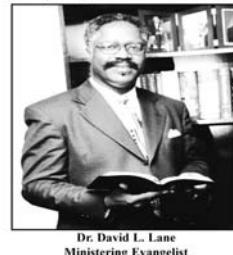
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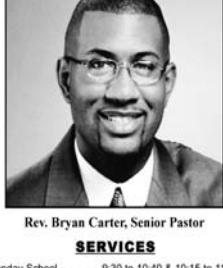


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Adult Sunday School ..... 9:30 to 10:40 & 10:15 to 11:30 A.M.  
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Sunday Worship Periods ..... 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Youth Enrichment Class ..... 10:30 A.M.

Adult Worship Service ..... 8:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday Night Prayer & Praise ..... 8:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Evening Worship Service (1st & 3rd Sundays only) ..... 7:00 P.M.

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Sunday School ..... 8:45 AM  
Sunday Worship Periods ..... 10:00 AM & 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday Song Practice ..... 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Class ..... 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM  
Sunday Radio Broadcast ..... on 970 AM Radio ..... 7:30 AM  
Church website ..... www.dwcoc.com

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Calendar of Services

Sunday Bible School ..... 8:45 AM

Sunday Worship Periods ..... 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Tuesday Song Practice ..... 7:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Class ..... 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Sunday Radio Broadcast ..... on 970 AM Radio ..... 7:30 AM

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Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM

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Bible School ..... 8:45 AM

Morning Worship ..... 9:45 AM

Evening Worship ..... 5:00 PM

Mid-Week Service ..... 6:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class ..... 4:00 PM

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926 Garza Avenue

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(214) 376-7268

Bible School ..... 8:45 AM

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Mid-Week Service ..... 6:00 PM

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM  
Bible Study, Tuesday Evenings ..... 7:00 PM

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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.

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[MABC2000@sbeglobal.net](mailto:MABC2000@sbeglobal.net)

Rev. Wade Charles Davis

Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Mid-Week Service**

Sunshine Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Family Fellowship Dinner ..... 5:20 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting-Bible Study ..... 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study & Rehearsal ..... 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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**Services**  
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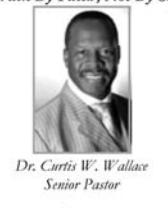


**Services**  
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-Membership In Training 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Fellowship 7:00 p.m.  
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5th Sunday, Combined Service: 10:00am

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

**Sunday Worship**

Early Services	7:30am
Sunday School	9:30am
Meeting	10:30am
Prayer Band	5:00pm
Get Acquainted Hour (4th Sunday)	5:00pm
Training Union	6:00pm
Evening Worship	7:00pm
Tuesday	7:00pm
Open Bible Study (Pastor Pryor, Instructor)	7:00pm
Wednesday	8:00pm
Prayer Meeting Mid-Week Services	8:00pm
Radio Broadcasts	KGR 1040 AM
Monday-Friday	1:30pm
Saturday	9:30am

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Dallas, Texas 75241  
214.374.6631

Email Address:  
[stphillipsmbc@att.net](mailto:stphillipsmbc@att.net)  
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**Sunday**  
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Church School- 9 AM  
Morning Worship- 10 AM

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Dallas, Texas 75216

Early Worship ..... 8:00 AM  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 PM

Pastor, Rev. Daryl Carter

**Greater Providence Baptist Church**

5300 Marvin D. Love Freeway

Dallas, Texas 75232 \* (214) 339-5800

**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.  
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Schedule of Services

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 am

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## My Day: Ron Kirk is Right!



By Mrs. Ester Davis, EDTV

At this late date leading up to election time, I am still running into young people, college graduates down that have a very cavalier indifferent-to-arrogant attitude about VOTING.

Ambassador Ron Kirk is the 16th United States Trade Representative and a member of President Obama's Cabinet. An attorney and former mayor of Dallas, he has led the Obama Administration's negotiations and dialogue with partners around the world. Whenever we can catch up with him, he is a guest on "The Ester Davis Show", talking about Washington and his trade mission pursues across the globe.

In our last interview,

he mentioned that one of the best things we can do for our children is to get them a passport and have them travel to some of these countries that do not have the privileges availed Americans. They will not only appreciate the ground America walks on, but they will certainly be in line to VOTE. And there will be a better understanding of why everyone wants to come to America. Now, it is fair to access that part of this blame is not totally the fault of the young and immature, some adult(s) led the way to this line of thinking.

History is so powerful. For twelve years. Let me repeat, for twelve years after the Civil War, United States soldiers helped make sure that African Americans would get to VOTE in the South. However, after the soldiers left, the South "invented" many ways to prevent African Americans from voting. The key word here is

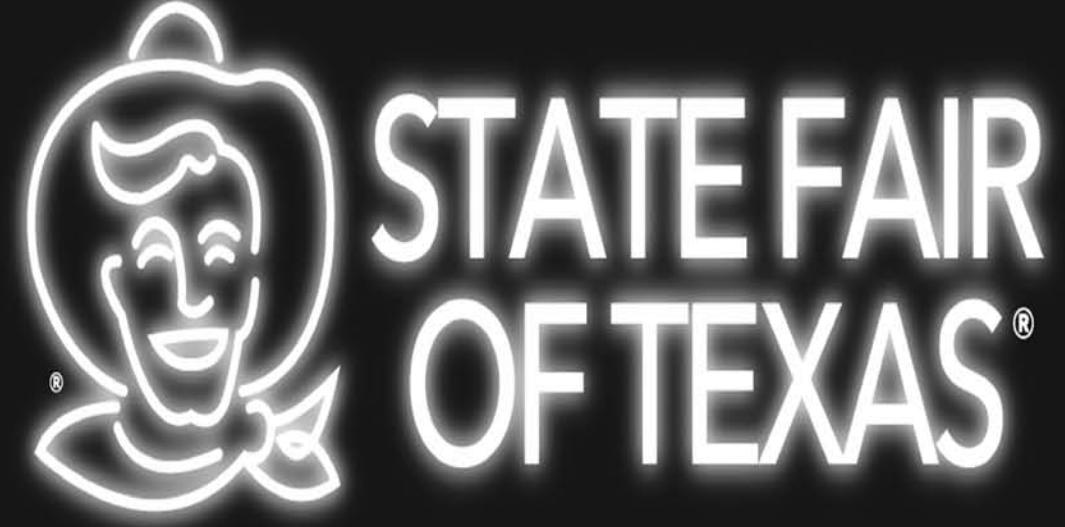
"invented". Inventing tactical measures to hinder VOTING is one thing, but we have a generation plus that totally dismisses the imprisoned, beaten and other humiliations on the way to freedom and civil rights that African Americans endured. To be clear, this article is about another matter completely. What others do to us is one issue. What we are talking about is what we do to ourselves by not VOTING.

Speaking of history, Franklin D. Roosevelt said once, "nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by NOT VOTING. Please VOTE.

Ester Davis invites you to tune in 5:AM to "Ester Davis Show" Thursday AM, ION Television for the Voter's Education Forum w/Commissioner John Wiley Price.

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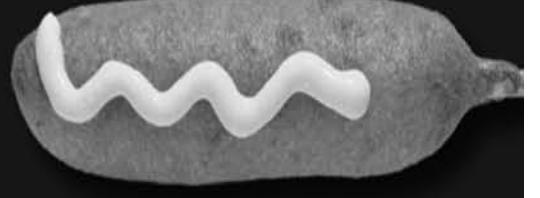
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### The Dallas Cowboys Likely Will Play Without Running Back DeMarco Murray Next Game



#### AT PRESS TIME

(AP) -- The Dallas Cowboys are expecting to be without running back DeMarco Murray for Sunday's game.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says it "looks obvious" that Murray won't play at Carolina because of his sprained left foot.

Speaking on his weekly radio show Tuesday on KRLD-FM, the team's flagship station, Jones said the team is encouraged that the sprain wasn't more serious than it was.

Murray had an MRI on Monday. Murray got hurt in Sunday's 31-29 loss at Baltimore. He missed the final three games of his rookie season last year because of a broken right ankle.

Felix Jones is expected to start in Murray's place. Murray has run for 330 yards and one touchdown for Dallas (2-3).

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### Sports News You Ought To Know

#### AT PRESS TIME

time of three to six weeks.

**Colorful guard Delonte West compared his one-day suspension from the Dallas Mavericks to a dispute at a family barbecue.**

Coach Rick Carlisle suspended West for conduct detrimental to the team after a locker-room outburst following Monday night's pre-season win over the Houston Rockets. The Mavericks reinstated West less than 24 hours later after he met with Carlisle and Donnie Nelson, the team's president of basketball operations.

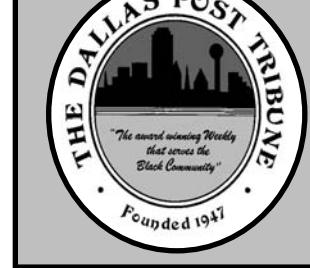
**The Stars, an affiliate of the NHL's Dallas franchise,** might be the most anxious for their starring role. Last season, Texas finished last in the Western Conference and posted the worst record in its three-year history. Thanks to a new coach [Willie Desjardins], a new mentality and an influx of young players to bolster the veterans, though, Texas appears ready to begin anew.

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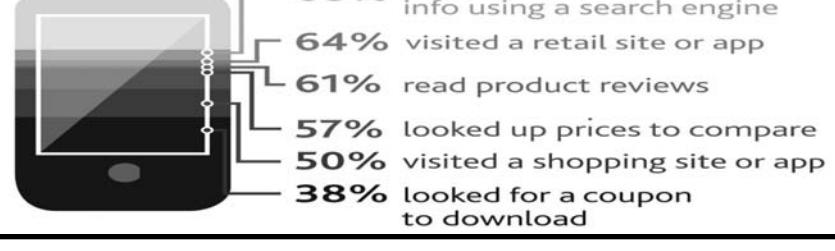
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National Magazine	\$334,809,250	\$15,563,489,750
National Newspaper	NA	\$1,519,057,250
National Sunday Supplement	NA	\$1,211,739,875
Network Radio	NA	\$1,040,818,562
Network TV	\$7,793,410	\$21,092,720,590
Outdoor	NA	\$3,543,337,000
Spanish Language Cable TV	NA	\$513,354,969
Spanish Language Network TV	NA	\$3,674,157,000
Spot Radio	\$757,479,438	\$4,823,606,062
Spot TV	NA	\$23,039,266,000
Syndicated TV	\$89,615,570	\$2,330,946,180
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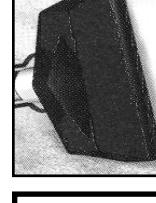
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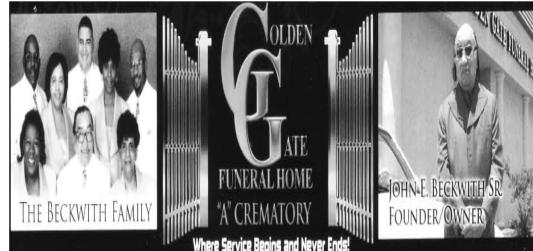


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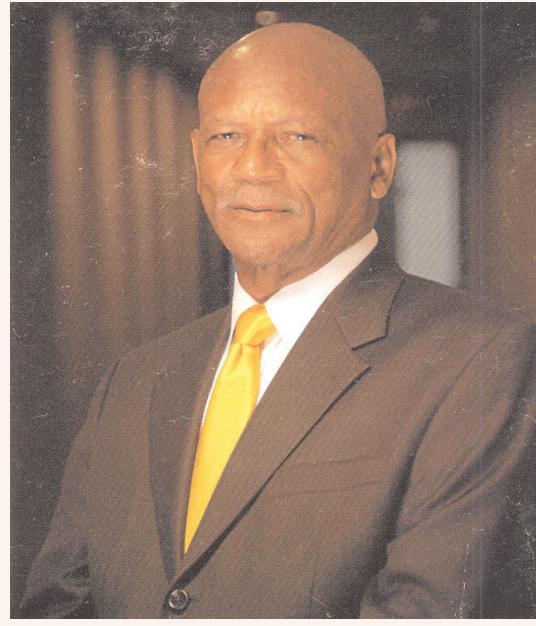
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## Make your mark on Texas through voting

### There is no Voter ID



Texas Secretary of  
State Esperanza "Hope"  
Andrade

By MRS. IMANI EVANS  
The Dallas Examiner

With the presidential election mere weeks away, Texas Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade is on a mission to disseminate the most accurate information on voting procedures to concerned Texans, and to lay to rest any fears about irregularities at the polls.

Andrade's office has stepped up a public awareness blitz, begun during the primary elections earlier this year, that has been named "Make Your Mark on Texas Through Voting." The campaign includes voter education, outreach to local election officials and even the promotion of a new mobile app that puts the most important voting information in the palms of citizens' hands.

"When we started the campaign, we wanted to make sure that we would be able to provide, that all the information would be readily available," Andrade said about the app, called SmartTXVoter. "And so what we're seeing, what the agency we hired was seeing, is that everyone is now communicating through their smart phone. I think over 50 percent of people have a smart phone and are accessing it."

SmartTXVoter, which can be downloaded from the iTunes App and Google Play stores, can be used to schedule reminders for specific voting dates, research voting procedures online and even inform a voter about his or her registration status. The app is viewable in English and Spanish, and has already had roughly 4000 downloads since its launch earlier this month.

"So all of this information is readily available in the palm of your hand, and that was the purpose," Andrade said. "We wanted to make sure that we could say that, that anyone who says, 'Oh, I'm too busy' or 'I don't have access to it' that we say, 'No, you have access to it.'"

Andrade said that the local election administrators and community leaders she has visited with have expressed excitement about the election and gratitude for her outreach efforts.

"What everyone is saying

is that they're glad that we are providing the resources, that we're providing all the information out there, because this allows for people to be able to not use that as an excuse, that they don't have the information," Andrade said.

One of Andrade's main goals is increasing the number of registered voters, and she said that the news on that front looks promising.

"At this time, we're at 13.5 million registered voters," Andrade said. "As I travel throughout the state, everyone is saying that they've seen an increase in the number of voter registration cards they've received, so we're hoping that by the end of next week that number will have increased. 13.5 million is what we had in 2008, and so already we have that, and that's not including all the new ones."

Andrade said that she spends a large chunk of her time addressing some of the most common complaints that Texans have about voting, and giving pep talks to voters that she hopes will counter the defeatism and cynicism about the process that some voters may feel.

"We're trying to bust those myths of 'It takes too long,' or 'My vote doesn't count,'" Andrade said. "It absolutely does count, and if you do early voting, which is Oct. 27 through Nov. 2, it won't take you but a few minutes. So that's the message that we're taking out."

Senate Bill 14, the voter identification law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011 but so far blocked by the federal courts, has been a source of confusion and concern for some voters.

Among other changes to voting procedures, the law would require that most voters present a non-expired photo ID at their polling place in order to cast a ballot.

Some state legislators, such as Sen. Rodney Ellis (D-Houston), complained that the extensive media coverage of the issue often failed to get across to the public that the law has not gone into effect. As part of her voter education campaign, Andrade emphatically reminds voters that S.B. 14 is not being enforced, and believes that the issue will not significantly affect the November ballot.

"The simple message is: there is no voter ID, you continue to vote in the same manner that you've always voted - that is, by presenting your voter registration card, or for a list of documents you can go on our website," Andrade said. "I don't want to confuse the public by going into detail. The simple message is there's no voter ID."

"And I'm not asked that often," Andrade adds. "In fact, I'm usually the one that

has to prompt that and say, 'I want to remind everyone that there's no voter ID.'"

Likewise, Andrade believes that the recent controversy surrounding a directive to county voting officials to purge deceased Texans from the voter rolls should not weigh on the minds of voters. A lawsuit was filed by four living voters who each received a letter warning them that their voter registrations would be canceled if they didn't prove within 30 days that they were alive. The four plaintiffs were among approximately 80,000 voters who were identified as "potentially deceased" by federal records.

A settlement was reached that shifted the burden to county registrars who must now prove, in the case of such "weak" matches that rely on incomplete federal data, that a voter was actually deceased.

"My responsibility is to make sure that we provide a clean voter roll, which we've tried doing," Andrade said. "We had a little setback, but the process continues. Those 'strong' matches have been removed, and in the case of the 'weak' matches, every election administrator is looking at that. So we don't see anything that really changed other than we had a temporary setback."

Andrade is at the beginning of her fifth year on the job as Texas' chief elections officer. She credits her many years as an entrepreneur in San Antonio for her straightforward, no-nonsense approach to ensuring fair and orderly elections.

"My background is, I was a businesswoman, and so you gave me the goal and I went after it," Andrade said. "My goal is to make sure that all Texans have all the information that they need, and that's what I do. I go out every day - I just got back from a long week of travel, and visiting chambers of commerce, and visiting with any group that will hear us - so if you set me up, I'm there. That's my commitment."

Andrade anticipates a 22-hour workday on Nov. 6, starting at 7:01 a.m. when the polls open. She anticipates a night of tension and excitement, but also a night when the diligent work of election officials and poll workers will be sufficient to keep the machinery of voting running smoothly throughout the state.

"I am looking forward to a good election, and that's because I know how hard our local election officials work on making that happen, and also I'm optimistic that our Texas registered voters will go out and vote."

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# OBITUARIES

## Celebrating the Life of...



Mrs. Misty M. Lankford

Mrs. Misty Michelle Lankford was the oldest child born to Mr. James and Mrs. Arnetta Michell on May 10, 1975 in Dallas, Texas. She completed her primary and secondary education in the Dallas Independent School District. She professed Christ at an early age at the Concord Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. E. K. Bailey. While growing up in Dallas, Mrs. Lankford was very active in the community, participating in positive youth organizations which included The Encounters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and in 1991, she was crowned "Miss Fashionetta" and received a college scholarship. She attended Prairie View A&M University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

On May 12, 2001, she married the love of her life, Mr. Cedric Demond Lankford. To this union two children were born.

Mrs. Lankford succumbed Sunday, October 7, 2012. Family and friends are left to cherish her memories. Funeral service was held Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 12:30PM at Concord Church in Dallas, TX.



Mrs. Gertie Eatmon

Mrs. Gertie D. Davis Eatmon, the daughter of Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Rebecca C. Davis Smith, was born in Kervin, Texas on December 25, 1928. Both parents preceded her in death. She received her early education in the Mexia Texas Public Schools where she graduated from Dunbar High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Texas Southern University, Texas State University, Commerce, Texas. She married Mr. Abraham Norman Eatmon who preceded her in death. She was a loving and devoted wife for over 40 years. She was a dedicated educator in the Dallas Independent School District for 37 years. She was a member of the Women's Mission at Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend C.B. T. Smith. She later joined Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship where her daughter and granddaughter are currently members.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Sue Coleman and granddaughter, goddaughter, loving and faithful caregivers and numerous family members and friends. Funeral service was held Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 11AM at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church in Dallas, TX.



Mr. Eric Johnson

Coach Eric Johnson graduated from H. Grady Spruce High School in Dallas, Texas, and later East Texas State University. He retired from Dallas ISD, as a teacher and coach. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, two daughters, one granddaughter, mother, one brother, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral service was held Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 11AM at Cedar Crest Cathedral in Dallas, TX.