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Magical Winter Lights Announces Expansion to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex



GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas , September 6, 2017 — People Generation, Inc. , a Houston-based event production company, has announced the expansion of Magical Winter Lights ® , Houston's annual lantern festival and holiday celebration, to the Dallas-Fort Worth metr plex in partnership with Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, TX. After garnering much success in Houston, the premier lantern festival has become one of the largest holiday events in the Greater Houston area and the largest lantern festival of its kind to have taken place in the U.S. The DFW festival will be held from Nov. 17, 2017 to Jan. 7, 2018 including major holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

"Magical Winter Lights has become a new holiday tradition for Houstonians in two short years. We are excited to bring this new holiday tradition to the residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth area," said Yusi C. An, founder of Magical Winter Lights. "We are thrilled to have found a partner like Lone Star Park to provide a top-notch event venue and to help us serve our event patrons."

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8 Killed in Shooting at Dallas Cowboys watch party in Plano



PLANO, Texas (AP) — Plano police have identified 32-year-old Spencer James Hight as the gunman who killed eight people at a Plano home Sunday night.

Hight was killed by an officer who responded to the scene, heard gunfire, was confronted by the armed man and shot him.

Police say Hight's 27-year-old ex-wife, Meredith Emily Hight, is among the victims.

Others have been identified as 33-year-old Anthony Michael Cross; 24-year-old Olivia Nicole Deffner; 29-year-old James Richard Dunlop; 22-year-old Darryl William Hawkins; 31-year-old Rion Christopher Morgan; 28-year-old Myah Sade Bass; and 25-year-old Caleb Seth Edwards. Police say their hometowns haven't yet been confirmed.

Meredith Hight's mother has said her daughter owned the home, had recently divorced Hight after six years of marriage and was hosting a party to watch football games.

The shootings remain under investigation.

Black women denounce suspension of Obama investigative rules on campus rape

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos announced plans to end the Obama administration's rules for investigating allegations of sexual violence on campus. In criticizing President Obama's policy, DeVos said that "[i]nstead of working with schools on behalf of students, the prior administration weaponized the Office for Civil Rights to work against schools and against students."

Marcela Howell, founder and executive director of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, issued the following statement in response:

"The Trump administration's latest effort to dismantle the legacy of President Obama promises to put women at risk and embolden campus rapists. The plan that weakens Title IX protections will disproportionately impact Black women and girls."

"Black women face cultural and societal barriers to reporting sexual assault and accessing resources after an attack. The administration's position will make it even harder for Black women to feel safe as they access higher education."

"While we're not surprised that a president who bragged about sexually assaulting women would gut policies to stop sexual assault, we are no less outraged. We demand that college and university administrators, as well as state and local officials, stand up to the Trump administration by holding perpetrators accountable and implementing programs to change rape culture on campuses."

In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda is a national reproductive justice organization focused on lifting up the voices of Black women at the national and regional levels in our ongoing policy fight to secure reproductive justice for all women and girls. Our eight strategic partners include Black Women for Wellness, Black Women's Health Imperative, New Voices for Reproductive Justice, SisterLove, Inc. SisterReach, SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW, The Afya Center and Women With A Vision.

Dallas County housing agency official pleads guilty to fraud

DALLAS (AP) — A 45-year-old North Texas man who was vice president of a Dallas County non-profit housing agency created decades ago to combat poverty has pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud for defrauding homeowners he was supposed to be helping get mortgages and prevent foreclosures.

Federal prosecutors say Francisco Javier Gonzalez, of Duncanville, now faces up to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and possible restitution. He entered his plea Tuesday before a federal judge in Dallas. Court documents show his actions cost the Department of Housing and Urban Development and some banks more than \$611,000.

Gonzalez was vice president and a director of the Dallas County Community Action Committee, created in 1965 by Dallas County commissioners.

He was named in a 31-count indictment and arrested last October.

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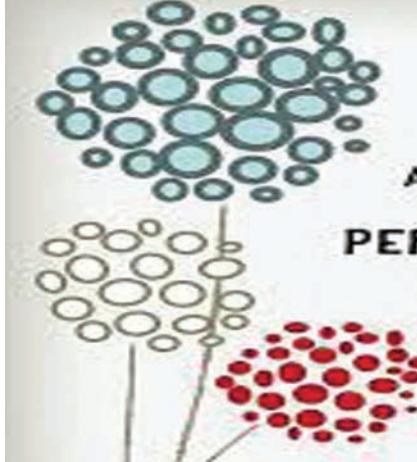
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Rev. Johnny C. Smith
Editorial Columnist

In this psalm, David extols the attributes of God: His omniscience, His omnipresence and His omnipotence. Our God is great and we should celebrate His greatness as the psalmist in Psalm 145:3-4 says: "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts." God is good, isn't He? Let us celebrate His greatness and goodness by living obedient lives to His glory. Our God is great because He has created us, sustains us, and He is getting us ready to spend eternity with Him without any degree of blame (I Thessalonians 5:23).

David begins this stupendous psalm by calling attention to the omniscience of God (vv. 1-6). In a very meditative mood, David was overwhelmed with the fact that God knew him thoroughly—he knew about his every action, and his very

"A PSALM THAT EXTOLS THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD"

PSALMS 139:1-24

thoughts. Verses 1-4 state succinctly that: "O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether." David responded by saying that such knowledge of himself was indeed extraordinary and beyond his comprehension. After reading verses 1-6, I thought about the fact that such knowledge that God possesses should promote us to confess our sins because He already knows about the sins before we even attempt to confess them!

Not only was David overwhelmed with God's omniscience, but David was indeed awed by the Lord's omnipresence (vv. 7-12). David realized that with the Lord's powerful

omnipresence, there was no way for him to escape from the Lord's presence. He asked the question in verse 7- "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" The Lord is present in the heavens above, and also He is present in sheol beneath!

Even if David sought to fly from one extreme to the other, God's presence will be there! David concludes this section by stating that darkness could not hide him from God because both light and darkness are the same with Almighty God. God controls both light and darkness—a fact that brings out his omniscience and omnipresence!

Having discussed the Lord's omnipresence, the psalmist takes up the thought of God's omnipotence (vv. 13-18). David was so overwhelmed with the fact that the Lord knew him intimately before He created him in his mother's womb. Such power regarding God's

Sovereign control of his life caused David to praise the Lord. He marvels in verses 17-18 by saying: "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee." God knew every detail of David's life even before David was conceived! Knowing that God had sovereignly planned his life prompted David again to praise God because David was beautifully formed!

David concludes this beautiful psalm by affirming that God would destroy his enemies (vv. 19-22) and he prays for God to search and test him to affirm his loyalty: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (vv. 23-24).

May God Bless!

CBC MEMBERS HOST FORUM ABOUT RACISM ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

By Lauren Victoria Burke and Freddie Allen

Congressional Democrats, led by Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), the ranking member on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce and Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), the ranking member on the House Judiciary Committee, recently hosted a forum on Capitol Hill titled "Affirmative Action, Inclusion, and Racial Climate on America's Campuses."

Conyers said that recent signals from the Justice Department hint at a change in administration policy and new attacks on affirmative action programs.

"This is not the time for the federal government to retreat from protecting equality in higher education," said Conyers.

Student leaders, college diversity officials, and legal experts discussed the role of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in ensuring that students are welcomed to a safe, inclusive learning environment free of harassment and intimidation on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

Title VI, "was enacted as part of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance," according to the Justice Department.

"Title VI remains a critical tool in eliminating discrimination in schools," said Sherrilyn Ifill, the president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

"It was a tool that was originally shared by the Department of Justice and by private plaintiffs."

Ifill continued: "Now, we're faced with an administration that is hostile towards civil rights—hostile to the Office of Civil Rights, itself."

Ifill said that even though the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the constitutionality of the merits of affirmative action, Attorney General Jeff Sessions is preparing a unit in the Department of Justice to challenge the law at colleges and universities across the nation.

In the wake of violent protests and the White nationalists' rally in Charlottesville, University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan testified at the forum on what the university has done in the past and is trying to do in the future to promote diversity. Sullivan referenced past acts of naming various locations on campus after African Americans.

On August 11, hundreds of torch-bearing White supremacists marched across the campus of the University of Virginia to protest the removal of a Confederate monument from a public park.

"Let me be perfectly clear," said Sullivan. "We're not interested in having those folks back."

Sullivan, Mayor Michael Signer, and the Charlottesville City Council have been criticized for not being more prepared for the "Unite the Right" rally and violence and mayhem that erupted in the small college town. The gathering was billed, weeks beforehand

online, as one of the largest gatherings of White supremacists in U.S. history. One protester was killed and two Virginia state troopers died in a helicopter crash in Charlottesville over that weekend.

Taylor Dumpson, the student government president at American University and Weston "Wes" Gobar, the president of the Black Student Alliance at the University of Virginia also delivered remarks during the forum. Both student leaders documented specific incidents of racism on their campuses.

Dumpson was the target of a series of racist acts in May, when someone hung bananas in nooses around American University's campus; some of the bananas were marked with "AKA," the letters of Dumpson's sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha. The incident occurred a day after Dumpson was elected the first African American female student body president.

"In America we tend to think of racism and White supremacy in the most blatant and hateful individuals and forms of discrimination like the [Ku Klux Klan], Neo-Nazis, and the alt-right, while ignoring the more subtle and systemic forms," said Gobar. "It is important to condemn the most visible elements of White supremacy, but we must further address these subtle and systemic forms."

Gobar said that he's heard racial slurs and racists comments that were yelled by White supremacists during the rally in August, repeated in hushed tones on campus; he has also seen anonymous posts

written online calling Black students 'monkeys' and messages written in chalk on campus suggesting that Black people have lower IQs than White people.

"At a recent student council meeting, one student said that, 'Thomas Jefferson raped Black women, but so did everyone else at the time,'" Gobar recalled.

Gobar continued: "Well, before August 11 and 12, this has been the climate for students of color at the University of Virginia and this climate has served as an unnecessary burden towards our learning experience."

The student leader said that many incoming students of color now feel scared and unwelcomed at the University of Virginia after the events of August 12.

"To tell the truth, this is a nearly constant feeling on campus," Gobar. "There are pervasive incidents of harassment like this every year and they are by no means isolated."

Systemic problems require systematic solutions, said Gobar.

Gobar noted that Black student enrollment at the University of Virginia is only 6.4 percent and recommended more funding for existing scholarships, financial aid and fellowships that target underrepresented groups. He also advocated for increasing the funding for organizations that serve minority populations on campus.

"The status quo can longer be acceptable," Gobar said.

Congress Votes to Take Food Away from Hungry Kids, Refuses Vote to Feed Them

Washington, DC – Last week, Congresswoman Robin Kelly offered an amendment to the so-called "Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act" to reprogram \$3 million for summer food assistance to families receiving SNAP benefits.

"Far too often, kids go hungry in the summer because they aren't in school and being fed," said Congresswoman Kelly. "For families struggling to make ends meet, affording three meals a day, even with SNAP benefits, for their children is simply impossible. My

amendment would provide more breathing room for families working hard to keep food on the table."

During the 2013-14 school year, more than 770,000 Illinois kids were fed through the free and reduced lunch program at schools.

The Kelly Amendment was rejected by the House Rules Committee, which determines which bills and amendments will receive votes in Congress. The committee did allow a vote on the Hartzler Amendment, a proposal to eliminate the reduced lunch program.

"It's deeply troubling that this Congress will allow us to vote to take food away from millions of hungry kids but won't let us vote to feed them," said Congresswoman Robin Kelly. "No American child should go hungry. I'm sorry that so many of my colleagues disagree with this basic statement of humanity."

In Illinois, one in four school districts have student bodies that are 100 percent eligible for free and reduced lunch. Congresswoman Kelly pledged to continue working with local and community organizations

to ensure young people do not go hungry just because they are not in school during the summers.

Notes: Traditionally, Appropriations bills are considered under a process referred to as an 'open rule,' which allows any Member of Congress to offer amendments to the spending bill. However, in recent years, Republican leadership has used a process referred to as a 'closed rule' to limit or strike amendments through the hyper-partisan Rules Committee.

Reward for Stooksberry Murder Increased to \$10,000

Dallas, TX: The cash reward for a tip leading to the arrest and indictment of a suspect in the murder of Timothy Stooksberry has been increased to \$10,000 according to the North Texas Crime Stoppers. Mr. Stooksberry was shot and killed on May 3, 2017. He was sitting in his car at 11770 Ferguson Road in far East Dallas.

The North Texas Crime Stoppers initially offered a reward of up to \$5,000 for a tip in this case. The Stooksberry family has donated an additional \$5,000 to the reward fund. The tipster(s) will now receive up to \$10,000 if their information leads to an arrest and indictment.

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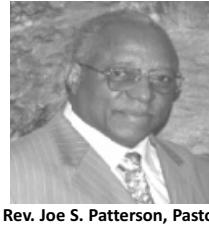
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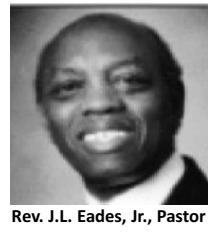
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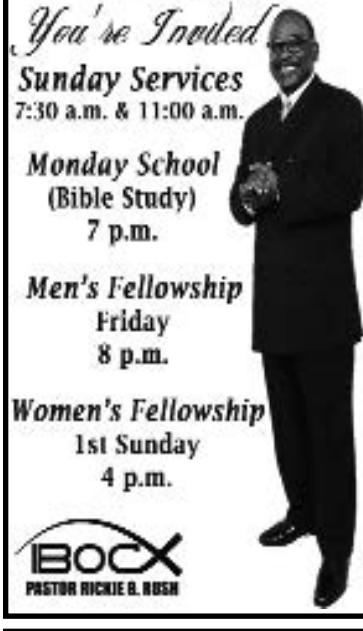
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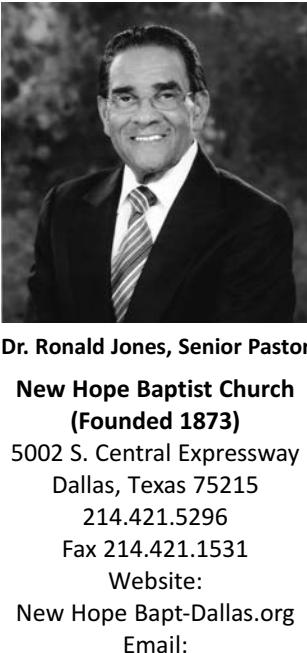
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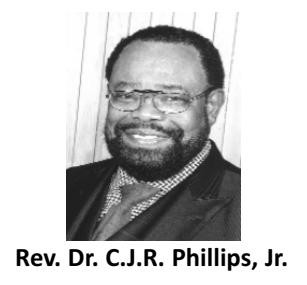


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gap exists within child literacy. By age three, children of higher-income parents have an advantage over children of lower-income parents because they have heard more words at home. About 60 percent of children from families with incomes over 400 percent of the federal poverty level are read to daily while only one third of children from families with incomes below the federal poverty line are read to daily.

According to Reading is Fundamental, two out of three children living in poverty have no books to call their own. Having few to no books in the home is a clear disadvantage when entering school. This hinders a child's ability to prepare for school and stay on track. One of the programs I helped spearhead, the Innovative Approaches to Literacy, which is now part of the Every Student Succeeds Act, help to bring different partnerships together to promote student literacy from birth through high school. The

Innovative Approaches to Literacy program awards grants to nonprofit organizations and school districts like the grant awarded to the Texas Can Academies in Dallas and Fort Worth, which distributes free books and provide collaborations between local librarians and classroom teachers.

While programs like Innovative Approaches to Literacy are valuable in the Dallas community, Texas, and across the nation, we must also take matters into our own hands. Parental engagement is key in any child's development. There are many public libraries throughout district 30 that provide tools, workshops and resources for parents and children to improve their literacy and ease accessibility to reading materials. Any parent can hand their child a phone or tablet, but reading aloud and maintaining that connection to your child is vital to their development and their readiness for education.

Back to School: Ready to Read?

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

For many students in District 30, the first few weeks of school are met with much enthusiasm and high expectations to succeed in the class room setting. While students are prepared physically to go to school, many students are not prepared on a reading level. Nationwide, 34 percent of children in kindergarten lack the basic language skills needed to learn how to read; in fourth grade, 65 percent of children are reading below grade level; and only 37 percent of high schoolers graduate at or above reading proficiency.

The American Academy of Pediatrics announced in 2014 that it recommended that parents read aloud to infants from birth, noting that a vital part of brain development occurs within the first three years of a child's life. Reading to children from birth to age three will enhance vocabulary and communication skills. Unfortunately, an income

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Releases Statement in Remembrance of the Attacks on September 11, 2001

WASHINGTON, DC — Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson released the following statement in recognition and remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001:

"It has been 16 years since the terrorist attacks committed by Al Qaeda took place against the United States. The events of 9/11 changed our nation forever and will always be remembered as one of the

most terrifying events that our nation has ever faced. Each year, we commemorate the nearly 3,000 innocent lives that were lost from the coordinated attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Many people across the nation hold onto the memories of the fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and friends who were lost that day.

"During this time we also reflect on the courage dis-

played by the countless first responders — the heroes of 9/11 who put their lives at risk to save hundreds more. In the midst of tragedy our country was able to band together and become stronger. May we continue to be a country that shows acts of courage and unity in times of need and be forever resilient in protecting our American values."

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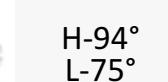
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NFL moving quickly to reverse halt on Elliott's 6-game ban

FRISCO, Texas - (AP) -- The NFL moved quickly Monday in hopes of reversing a federal judge's decision that has blocked the league's six-game suspension of star Dallas running back Ezekiel Elliott over a domestic violence case in Ohio.

The league asked the judge who ruled in Elliott's favor to stop the preliminary injunction that cleared last year's NFL rushing leader to play while the case is in court. A notice of appeal was also filed with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The NFL's latest filings came about 12 hours after Elliott rushed for 104 yards in the Cowboys' 19-3 season-opening win over the New York Giants at home Sunday night.

"Just relieved from the fact that I finally get a fair trial," Elliott said after the game in his first public com-

ments since before the Cowboys reported for training camp in July. "I finally get a chance to prove my innocence. And I'm just happy I'm able to be with these guys for as long as it's permitted and just not having to miss time and not being away from them."

The 22-year-old Elliott was suspended by Commissioner Roger Goodell last month, and attorneys with the NFL Players' Association contended in a lawsuit that Elliott didn't get a fair hearing in an appeal that was denied.

Elliott had already been cleared to play in the season opener when U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant granted a temporary restraining order and injunction blocking the suspension Friday.

The case could play out for months.

New England quarterback Tom Brady's four-game sus-

pension over "Deflategate" was delayed by a year when a federal judge ruled in his favor. Brady served the suspension to start last season after an appeals court reversed the ruling and backed Goodell's authority to suspend him.

If Mazzant denies the emergency request to put his own ruling on hold pending further hearings, the NFL could make a similar argument to the appeals court in hopes of getting a hearing within days after Mazzant decides.

Without an NFL win on an emergency request in either court, the timeline likely would clear Elliott to play his entire second season after he led the league in rushing as a rookie.

The case apparently will stay in the Texas court for at least a week after Mazzant gave Elliott's side until Wednesday to respond to the NFL's request for a stay.

The NFL would then have until Friday to respond to arguments from Elliott's legal team before Mazzant rules on the motion, presumably next week.

"It may be difficult for the NFL to convince the 5th Circuit that this is truly an emergency," said Gabe Feldman, director of the sports law program at Tulane University Law School. "The argument here is that the NFL could later enforce the suspension."

Elliott was suspended by Goodell in August after the league concluded he had several physical confrontations last summer with Tiffany Thompson, a former girlfriend. Prosecutors in Columbus, Ohio, decided about a year ago not to pursue the case in the city where Elliott starred for Ohio State, citing conflicting evidence.

The NFL kept its investigation open, and said its con-

clusions were based on photographs, text messages and other electronic evidence.

The league has argued that it acted within the parameters of a labor agreement that gives Goodell broad authority to suspend players. The league also said the appeal process was consistent with its personal conduct policy.

"As far as the argument to the court of appeals, we think the scope and review in labor arbitration is very limited and we believe the judge went well beyond what is permitted as far as scope," NFL vice president of communications Joe Lockhart said.

Mazzant's ruling took aim at appeal hearing officer Harold Henderson and the NFL, saying decisions not to allow Goodell and Thompson to testify at the appeal were among several factors unfair to Elliott. The running back denied the

allegations under oath during the appeal.

The judge also faulted the league for what he saw as several efforts to conceal the opinion of co-lead investigator Kia Roberts. She testified at the appeal that she didn't think Thompson was credible and didn't support any punishment for Elliott.

Three years ago, the NFL stiffened penalties in domestic violence cases after getting sharply criticized for its handling of former Baltimore running back Ray Rice.

Elliott had 1,631 yards rushing last season, helping Dallas to the best record in the NFC at 13-3. He had another 36 yards receiving in the opener against the Giants as the Cowboys beat the NFC East rival that swept them last season.

Return for Yu: Prospect from Darvish deal making Texas debut

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Willie Calhoun was planning to drive from Arizona to California on Tuesday since his Triple-A season was over. Instead, the prized prospect the Rangers got in the Yu Darvish trade flew to Texas for his major league debut.

"It's been pretty crazy," Calhoun said in the Rangers clubhouse before the game.

The Rangers purchased Calhoun's contract from Triple-A Round Rock, and he was batting seventh and playing left field Tuesday night against Seattle.

Calhoun was one of three minor leaguers the Rangers got from the Los Angeles Dodgers in the July 31 trade that sent Darvish to the NL's top team.

"I try not to think about it as much. I don't put any extra pressure on myself at all," the 22-year-old Calhoun said about being acquired for the former Rangers ace. "I don't really think about that when I'm on the field. I just go out there and play my game and have fun."

Texas released right-hander

Tyson Ross (3-3, 7.71 ERA) to make room on the 40-man roster. Ross, signed as a free agent last winter, missed the first 2 1/2 months of the season recovering from Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and was out another 2 1/2 weeks because of a blister on his right index finger.

When Round Rock's season ended Sept. 4, the Rangers didn't immediately promote Calhoun. But since then, center fielder Carlos Gomez rolled his right ankle coming out of the batter's box Saturday, and right fielder Nomar Mazara was the designated hitter again Tuesday while dealing with left quad tightness.

Plus, part-time left fielder Joey Gallo is needed in the infield with third baseman Adrian Beltre (left hamstring strain) and first baseman Mike Napoli (left ankle) both banged up.

Beltre was reinstated from the disabled list Tuesday, and took batting practice on the field for the first time since getting hurt Aug. 31. The newest member of the 3,000-hit club hasn't run yet, but said

he has felt improvement. With expanded September rosters, there is plenty of room to have him listed as an active player.

"If it was August, he'd still be on the DL," general manager Jon Daniels said. "I don't think he's going to be able to run much. He's still a ways off from that. Could he in theory, perfect game situation, be available to pinch hit? I guess that would be the possibility, and I don't know that answer yet."

Known more for his hitting, Calhoun played mostly left field for Round Rock after playing second base in the Dodgers organization. The 5-foot-8 left-handed hitter batted .300 with 31 home runs and 93 RBIs in 128 Triple-A games.

Manager Jeff Banister said Calhoun would be a regular player for the wild card-hopeful Rangers.

"This is a guy, young player, that has shown promise, and we have a need," Banister said. "Our people feel like this guy has an opportunity to hit at this level."



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"We must work together to strengthen the vital relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve. This is a pivotal opportunity to collaborate and effect change together," DA Johnson said about the forum. "It is also a tremendous opportunity to be an example for the nation, demonstrating that through productive and peaceful dialog, unity is possible. Chief Hall, Sheriff Valdez, Bishop Jakes, and Toby Shook bring unique perspectives and ideas to this discussion and I am excited about their participation. I also want to extend my thanks to The Potter's House for hosting such an important event."

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Magical Winter Lights Announces Expansion to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex

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Magical Winter Lights is unlike any other holiday lighting event to take place in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The festival bases its designs from Chinese lanterns and transforms them into larger-than-life remakes of well-known landmarks. The lantern festival embraces more than just the Chinese cultural elements by also creating lantern designs that speak to the local audience. The 2017 festival will feature several themed sections including Magical Wonderland, Christmas Candy Land, The Lone Star State, Dinosaur

Land and Mystery of the East. The Dallas-Ft. Worth

Magical Winter Lights will specifically include an entrance castle lantern inspired by the Dallas County Courthouse, a giant cowboy, and Dallas' iconic Pegasus.

"We are thrilled to be hosting Magical Winter Lights," said Lone Star Park president and general manager Scott Wells. "It's a spectacular festival unlike anything we've seen before and is certain to add to Grand Prairie's reputation as the region's hotspot for holiday lights."

Lone Star Park offers the event a prime location for

easy accessibility for the residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. In addition to the lantern attraction,

Magical Winter Lights Dallas-Fort Worth will offer daily Chinese acrobatic performances (included in admission), dinosaur rides for children and a full-size food court.

For information and updates regarding the 2017 Magical Winter Lights - DFW, please visit

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Sweeping or blowing yard waste into storm drains can result in a \$2,000 fine.

Yard Work Tips:

- Never sweep or blow yard waste into the street or down storm drains.
- Sweep or blow grass clippings from your sidewalk, driveway and street back onto your yard because they will act as fertilizer.
- Fallen leaves can be mulched and left on the lawn.
- Leaves can be bagged and stored until bulk waste collection day in your neighborhood.
- Or compost your leaves and grass clippings turning them into wonderful natural fertilizer.

Contact City of Dallas Stormwater Management at Stormwater@DallasCityHall.com or 214-948-4022 to learn more or to request a presentation for your organization, school or business.



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