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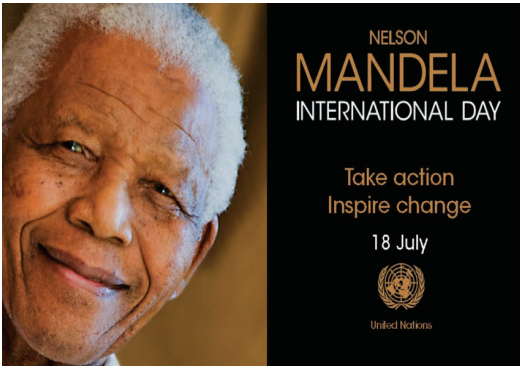
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NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY- JULY 18 REASON TO CELEBRATE

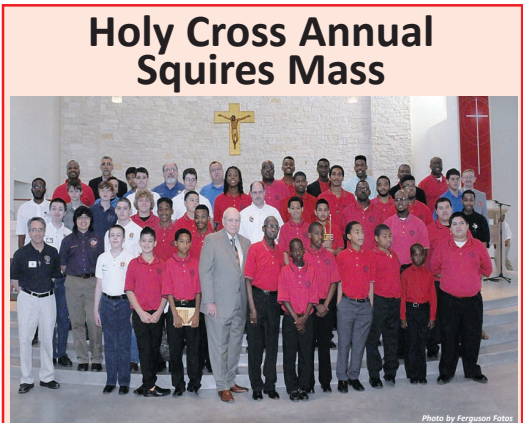


Representative Helen Giddings (D-Dallas) will host Nelson Mandela International Day at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church located at 5710 East R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75223 on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at both the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, which is open to the public. This 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

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. In the wine world, Ms. Lee is known as Theopatra, Queen of the Vineyards. Wine Critic Robert Parker bestowed upon wine made from grapes harvested from Theopolis Vineyards, a stellar rating of 94-96 points, a spectacular showing for the winery's first harvest in 2006. Emboldened by the great fruit produced by the land, Ms. Lee, a bold and dynamic Texan, decided to bottle her own wines in 2014. In addition to bottling the richly intense and flavorful Petite Sirah, Theopolis Vineyards strikes a lighter note by bottling a Symphony, a white wine grape, which is a crossing of Muscat and Grenache Gris. Ms. Lee also bottles the unique Rose of Petite Sirah and an Anderson Valley Pinot Noir. The Sunset Magazine International Wine Competition recently gave the 2012 Estate Grown Theopolis Vineyards Petite Sirah a stellar Gold Medal. Wines from Theopolis Vineyards including the 2013 Symphony and the 2014 Rose of Petite Sirah have won



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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 Partnering 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 Family 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.



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