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COURTESY: Yahoo News

3 Young Americans To Watch During the State of the Union

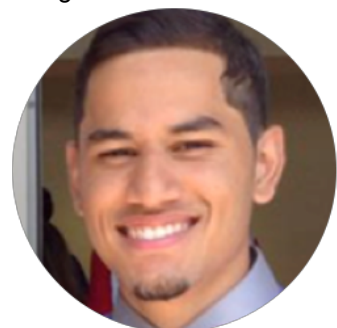
Buzz Staff

President Barack Obama is scheduled to deliver the annual State of The Union speech. He's expected to talk about several key issues including income inequality, economic issues and the 2016 presidential election.

This is also a special event for First Lady Michelle Obama because she has an opportunity to invite special guests. Several young Americans will join the FLOTUS during tonight's State Of the Union speech.



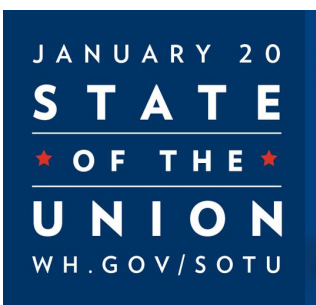
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Anthony Mendez, 19, (Bronx, N.Y.)
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Letter writer, student, DREAMer
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Helping Homeless People Survive the Winter

By Erin, Buzz Reporter

Around Christmas time people often participate in food and coat drives. Now that it's a new year, there are many ways to continue helping people in need.

"My wife and I don't have the resources to get homeless people off the street, so we try to help the people who are waiting to get in to shelters," said San Diego. "There are over 10,000 people in DC without homes!"

"Sometimes people lose their homes, because of drugs, alcohol, and behavior problems, but that doesn't mean that all of them lost their homes like that. A lot of the people lost their jobs, and couldn't pay for their homes anymore," Diego added. "Sometimes the best way is to donate old stuff, and food. But when I go out, I like to go talk to them."



COURTESY: Gazette.net

Here are four groups around Prince George's County offering services to help people struggling on the streets during the winter:

- Catholic Charities in Forestville (301) 568-9529
- Community Ministries, Seat Pleasant (301) 499-2319
- Laurel Advocacy & Referral in Laurel (301) 776-0442
- United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) in Capitol Heights at (301) 322-5700.

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Homeless Man by White House in Winter
COURTESY: Corbis Images



COURTESY: NBC News

Boko Haram Continues to do Harm

By GIRIS, Buzz Reporter

Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awat which means "People Committed to the Propagation of the Prophet's Teachings and Jihad" was founded in 2002, by Mohammad Yusuf. The group was nicknamed Boko Haram, which loosely is translated into: Boko meaning "Western education" and Haram denoting "forbidden." The group was originally intended to increase intensity for Muslims, making sure they live according to Allah. In 2009, their leader was killed and they became more of a terrorist organization.

Voice of America reports Boko Haram attacks in Nigeria have killed 5,000 people and kidnapped hundreds, mostly young girls. Their goal is reportedly to kill all non-Muslims and create their own country. They have taken over the town of Baga, firing assault weapons into the people and killing children, women and the elderly because they could not run away. They now are claiming control of Baga.

It has been a very deadly week in Nigeria's history. A state of emergency has been declared but the government has done little to respond, because the current president is running for re-election.

"It's an enormously horrendous slaughter of innocent people, and Boko Haram continues to present a serious threat not just to Nigeria and the region but to all of our values and to all of our sense of responsibility regarding terrorism," said United States Secretary of State John Kerry.

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5 'Frozen' Favorites

By Olivia, Buzz Reporter

Frozen is going gangbusters in the theater world. Retailers are rushing to restock.

Disney received over one billion dollars in box office sales. Its album sales topped Beyoncé. But when you go to the store to buy a gift for a friend, you find a maze of aisles and merchandise brimming with style and popularity that it's hard to choose.

Here is some advice on what to buy and what will sell out especially quickly.



Movie blu-ray and DVD. If you don't already own it, get it while you can. If you've seen it and love it, consider buying the 3-D edition (if you have the compatible software) or the digital copy so you can download it onto mobile devices. No matter what you do, it will be a fun movie night for the entire family.

Costume. Elsa and Anna are reasonably priced, but because of their high popularity, it will be difficult to find them for a while. Also, if there are any remaining at the stores, there is no guarantee that the correct size is available, so perhaps it will be less limited online.

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COURTESY: TheNextFamily.com

3 Must-Watch Winter Movies

By Bena, Buzz Reporter

When it's cold outside you'll want to find way to stay entertained indoors.

There are a lot of things to do inside, but when the temperature is below freezing and there's hot cocoa in your hands, one of the best things to do is watch a good movie, according to film student Jake Williams.



"There are a lot of good winter-themed movies, but one that comes to my mind particularly is *Groundhog Day*, starring Bill Murray," Williams said.

"It's an excellent movie that has a very creative and unique structure. It follows a news team reporting on Groundhog Day for a local news station, but when they get stranded because of a huge snowstorm in a rural Pennsylvania town, Phil (played by Bill Murray) becomes stuck in a time loop and relives the same day over and over again."

Williams says *Groundhog Day* is a good movie to watch during winter that is not Christmas or holiday related. This movie came out in 1993, but Williams says there are some more recent releases he'd suggest.

"I would say *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, because it is a beautiful looking movie thats stylized and cartoonish-looking initially, but is full of interesting and well-developed characters. It came out in early 2014, and it is based on some short stories by the Austrian writer, Stefan Zweig," said Williams.

"It's set in a made-up snowy European country, which makes it a perfect movie to enjoy while you're cozy and warm inside during a cold winter's day. Be warned that there are a few scary scenes that might be too frightening for some viewers."



But if you're sick of winter and need to watch a movie to remind yourself that the warmer seasons are on the way. Williams has a movie for that too.

"I would pick a movie that came out in 2012 titled *Mud*. While it is not necessarily a movie about the summer, it's a coming-of-age story that takes place in the hot south, with lots of river scenes and outdoor imagery. It's heavily inspired by the works of Mark Twain (like the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn) and is about two boys who help a mysterious drifter (played by Matthew McConaughey) reunite his long lost love (Reese Witherspoon)," advised Williams.



All three of the movies Williams picked are interconnected. The actor Michael Shannon got his start in *Groundhog Day*, and also had a role in *Mud*. And, Bill Murray (the star of *Groundhog Day*) has a small role in *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.

"No matter the weather or season, enjoying a movie is always a good idea," Williams said.###

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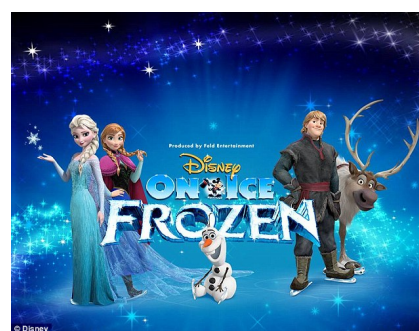
Dolls. Barbie-style dolls are easy to find. They look a lot like the characters, and they can wear anything designed for Barbies, so they make a nice edition to a collection. However, if the receiver is picky about details, they might be disappointed with the clothing design, as it doesn't exactly replicate the outfits in the movie.



Poster. Lots of different pictures are available for purchase, and they are easily found and inexpensive. However, lamination is suggested for increased durability.



Frozen on Ice! tickets. Although it has left our area, it is still within driving distance. Aside from an excellent performance, you will have access to exclusive souvenirs and merchandise. The quality is also wonderful, and it is the perfect present for a Frozen lover.



BONUS-- Life Lessons. (these are free). We can all learn from Frozen. We can learn the meaning of love, and how its power can save the world. We learn how important it is to control your feelings to keep anger from driving you to hurt people.



The characters capture our hearts and our imaginations as we dream adventures for them. It is an excellent example of a storyline. The beginning gives us an idea of what's at stake, the middle is exciting, and the ending is satisfactory.

"I like the ending because Elsa reconnects with her sister and discovers who she really is. Plus, Hans gets punched in the face!" Hannah Phillips said. ###



COURTESY: families.com

"Homeless" continued

There are a couple ways to reach out to homeless people to help them brave the winter. Accompanied by an adult:

- Go to where the homeless live.
- Greet them and tell them that you have stuff for them.
- Ask them their names.
- Ask them what they need, or what they have a hard finding.
- Find sources with good quality, that is a low price.
- Work with a local food distribution group.
- Look in thrift shops, for clothes for them, and get them some food.
- Talk to those who want to talk to us. (wait for them to come up to you).
- Bring tarps for them. ###

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