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## Showers Of Blessing Christian Center To Hold Youth Forum

Released By Rontrell Lynch, 252.813.7951

The Influencing, Mentoring, Preparing And Changing Tomorrows (I.M.P.A.C.T.) Youth Ministries of Showers of Blessing Christian Center is holding a Youth Forum, “The Power of Music” on Saturday, October 26.

The forum will be at 5p.m. at the church’s main campus, 1740 Raleigh Boulevard, Rocky Mount.

The purpose of the forum is to address and discuss the negative and positive influence of today’s music on our youth and culture. The keynote panelists will include Rontrell Lynch (Youth Leader, Showers of Blessing Christian Center), Jeremy Herring (Minister of Music, Salvation and Deliverance Church, Tarboro), and Gospel Rap Artist, Brandon DeAndre’ Biggs (a/k/a Cappello).

The I.M.P.A.C.T. Youth Ministries of Showers of Blessing Christian Center was established to design viable activities as well as create an environment that is conducive to the growth of the youth in a way that is innovative and creative and in a way that speaks to them on their level.

Showers of Blessing Christian Center, established in 1989, is a Bible Centered, Family Oriented Church that seeks to meet the whole needs of man; spirit, soul, and body. We are a Ministry of Excellence Impacting Nations with a Practical Message of FAITH, Empowering WORD Hungry people to experience and Exemplify the God Quality of Life. This Ministry was designed with you in mind because we know that the Word Works When You Work The Word!

The forum is open to the public. All ages are invited to attend. For more information about the Forum, I.M.P.A.C.T. Youth Ministries, or the Church, contact SBCC at 252.985.1848.

## Donate Your Gently Used Coats

If you have coats that your children have outgrown or that you no longer wear, why not donate them to help others in your community? Zebulon United Methodist Church and Wakefield Central Baptist Church will take your gently used coats *of all sizes* as well as scarves, gloves and blankets and other cold weather necessities. These items will be distributed during our outreach ministry Warming the Heart of the Community on Saturday, November 9th, from 11am to 2pm at Zebulon United Methodist Church. Donations can be taken to the ZUMC church office at the corner of N. Church Avenue and Sycamore Street, or to Wakefield Central Baptist Church, Monday through Thursday from 9am to 3pm.

## Shades of Grey

*Some situations are viewed in black and white; right and wrong. Yet, many people think situations also have a **grey area** where solutions are not so easily discerned. This is not just about the choices people make, but the thought process they go through to arrive at their decisions.*

### Submitted for Your Discussion & Consideration

You start planning a birthday party for your daughter. Several of her friends confirm they are coming. Checking with their parents, you pull together a big group of kids for the party.

You prepare the food and cake beforehand, ensuring there is enough food for all the kids whose parents have confirmed. You get a large cake and lots of hamburgers and chips.

The day of the party, only half the children show up. Your daughter still has a good time, and the kids who do come to the party have fun and enjoy the lunch and birthday cake.

After the party, you have quite a few leftovers. You’re upset at the parents who told you that their children were coming, but did not bring them to the party.

Do you think that you would call those who didn’t come? Is it better for your daughter to confront the families, or just let the rudeness go? Do you think that in the future you would invite those children? What do you think you would say to your daughter? Since she had a good day, is it best to say nothing to her about your frustration?

## A Little Bit of History

**Michael John Smith (April 30, 1945 – January 28, 1986)**

Many of us remember January 28, 1986 well. We watched on TV as the Space Shuttle Challenger destructed after lift-off. Some residents of North Carolina knew that one of their own was lost in that accident.

Mike Smith was the American pilot of the Space Shuttle Challenger. He was born in Beaufort. He died along with the six other crew members, as NASA mission STS-51L was lost. STS-51L was the twenty-fifth flight of the Space Shuttle program, using Space Shuttle Challenger. destroyed a short seventy-three seconds after its launch from Kennedy Space Center.



In addition to the Challenger Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery (see photo), there is also a Memorial in Beaufort. Additionally, the Beaufort Airport is named in memory of Smith: Michael J. Smith Field airfield.

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When You’re Bored

\* Nashville \*

- 10/26
Operation Medicine Drop Event (October 26 @ 2-6pm)

Helps reduce accidental poisonings, curb drug abuse & protect waters from pharmaceutical contamination. Drop off unused or expired prescription, over-the-counter & veterinary meds. At Walmart, 1205 Eastern Ave, Nashville  
Call Officer Bull at 252.459.4545.
- 10/26
Monster Dash Fundraiser (Oct 26)

Fun way to help Nash County citizens. Costumes are encouraged & welcome! Proceeds donated to United Way Tar River Region. Small participation fees. Register now! Start/finish on Elm Street, Nashville. Info, contact Rosemary Dorsey at 252.459.9804.
- 10/26
Harvest Festival (Oct 26 @ 2-7pm)

Hay rides, bounce houses, obstacle courses, cake walks, Bingo, carnival games, relay races, & carnival food. Free & open to the public. Enjoy fellowship with community members & have fun. Held at Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church, 1779 Mt. Zion Church Rd, Nashville. Info: matth924@email.meredith.edu.
- 10/31
Paranorman Outdoor Movie (Oct 31 @ 6:45pm-?)

Bring blankets & chairs or sit on the bleachers. Everyone is welcome & paid concessions available. At JW Glover Memorial Park, Nashville
- 10/31
Kid’s Fall Festival (Oct 31 @ 4-5:30pm)

Trick-or-Treating, face painting & activities. Children 11 years old & under with a costume are allowed to participate. At Harold D. Cooley Library, Nashville
- 10/31
Haunted Walking Trail (Oct 31 @ 5:30-6:30pm)

Trick-or-Treating, face painting & costume contest. Children 11 years old & under with a costume are allowed to participate. At JW Glover Memorial Park, Nashville

\* Rocky Mount \*

- 10/26
Trunk-A-Treat (Oct 26 @ 5:30-8:30pm)

Families from the church decorate their cars & distribute candy in the parking lot. Hay ride too! Hamburgers & hotdogs, popcorn, soda & Chick-Fil-A nuggets. At Rocky Mount Church of the Nazarene, 1530 Hunter Hill Road (across from Pizza Inn), Rocky Mount. For more information, visit [www.rmnaz.com](http://www.rmnaz.com).

- 10/26
Barktoberfest Pet Fair (October 26 @ 1-5pm)

Pack a picnic basket & bring your pooch (on leash), family & friends. Doggie costume contest, All types of pet games & competitions. Bandana decorating & face painting for young humans. At Pet’s Best Friend, 1071 N Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount  
Info [www.petsbestfriendinc.com](http://www.petsbestfriendinc.com).
- 10/31
Westridge Grill Halloween Party (Oct 31 & 7pm)

Halloween party & Costume contest too! Come by for some adult Halloween fun & listen to Travis Moss. At 3639 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount. For info call 252.937.7299.
- 11/03
Sunday Funday at The Children’s Museum (November 3 & 10 @ 1-5pm)

Weekly on Sunday. Free admission for Rocky Mount residents!  
Info [depccalendar@gmail.com](mailto:depccalendar@gmail.com).
- 11/09
America Recycles Day (November 9 @ 10am-1pm)

Shred-a-thon, E-Waste Recycling, & Prescription Drug Take Back Event. Recycle old electronics, personal papers, & unwanted prescription drugs safely & securely at this event. Free to the public; businesses incur a charge for shredding. At Golden East Crossing Mall Parking Lot (near Sears & JC Penney), 1100 N Wesleyan Boulevard, Rocky Mount  
Call Cornelia at 252.467.4960.

\* Tarboro \*

- 10/26
Run For Your Life - Road And Trail Race In Tarboro (October 26 @ 9am-12pm)

Halloween fundraising run/walk for the Edgecombe Cancer Support Foundation. Run/walk through beautiful downtown Tarboro, a Nature trail, & surrounding farm. Timed race with Tek T-shirts and Medal Awards. Prizes for best costumes. Kid Friendly. Race starts at Town Commons, 406 East Church Street, Tarboro
- 10/29
Children’s Story Time 11/05 (Oct 29 & Nov 5 @ 10:30am)

Tuesday story times include music, games, crafts, & more! At Edgecombe County Memorial Library, 909 Main Street, Tarboro  
See [www.edgecombelibrary.org](http://www.edgecombelibrary.org).
- 11/02
Health and Wellness Fair (November 2 @ 8am-12pm)

Free, community-wide event. Clinical breast exams for women, prostate exams for men, plus more. Men call 800.472.8500 to register for prostate screenings. Ladies need not register for breast exams. At Vidant Edgecombe Hospital, 111 Hospital Drive, Tarboro  
Contact Heather at 252.641.7126.

\* Wilson \*

- 10/25
Open Mic Night 11/22 (Oct 25 & Nov 22 @ 7:30 pm)

ProMusic Café Musicale presents these family events for acoustic musicians (instrumental or vocal) poets & story tellers. \$2 admission. At ProMusic Conservatory, 105 W. Nash Street, Wilson  
More info at 252.291.3386.
- 10/30
Kids Outdoor Halloween Party (Oct 30 @ 5-7pm)

Tables of arts & crafts, fun games, Victorian apple game, piñata, music, stories, games & more! Come dressed up & bring little goblins! Everyone wins prizes. Location is Truly Unique 2 / Sweet Maria’s, 411-415 W Nash Street, Wilson
- 10/31
Halloween Divination Night (Oct 31 @ 4-midnight)

Join in Halloween for a fun evening of Divination with at least 5 readers of different mediums. Fire lit outside to sit & chat. Also goodies & activities. Dress up! Location is Truly Unique 2 / Sweet Maria’s, 411-415 W Nash Street, Wilson.
- 11/01
Diwali Party (November 1 @ 9pm-2am)

Diwali, or Dipawali, is India's biggest & most important holiday. Festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, & knowledge over ignorance. Live music by renowned Raleigh RU. Special cocktails to help celebrate. Party with family and friends. Cost: \$5. At Tandoori Nights, 2503 Forest Hills Road W, Wilson
- 11/02
Wilson Whirligig Festival -03 (November 2 @ 10am-5pm & November 3 @ noon-5pm)

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[www.wilsonwhirligigfestival.com](http://www.wilsonwhirligigfestival.com).
- 11/04
Grant Writing 101 (November 4 @ 6-9pm)

Learn basics of writing grant proposals for non-profits. Understand grant writing process, proposal to government agencies & foundations, & other tips for success. Register by Nov 1st. At Small Business Center, Wilson Comm. College, 902 Herring Ave E, Wilson  
More info at [www.wilsoncc.edu](http://www.wilsoncc.edu).

\* Elsewhere \*

- 10/26
Full Reliance Southern Gospel (Oct 26 @ 7:30-10pm)

Full Reliance Southern Gospel are performing in English. Catedral de Jesus Church of God, 717 S. Arendell Avenue, Zebulon

- 10/26
Trunk or Treat & Family Potluck (Oct 26 @ 5-7pm)

Decorate the trunk of your car – anyone can participate! Open to the community. Hand out candy, healthy snacks, stickers or toys to the little ones. Wear a costume (optional). Stay for the potluck at 6pm. Held at North Raleigh United Methodist Church, 8501 Honeycutt Road, Raleigh. For more information, contact Rachel Bass at [rachel@nrunc.org](mailto:rachel@nrunc.org) or 919.847.1536 ext. 110.
- 10/27
Trunk of Treat Event (Oct 27 @ 5pm)

This annual event returns! Stop by the Walnut Street Parking Lot. Held at Grace United Methodist Church, 401 Grace Street, Wilmington, For more details, call 910.763.5197.

- 10/30
Halloween Marathon (Oct 30 @ 6:40pm, film 7pm)

John Carpenter’s *Halloween*, along with *Halloween 4: The Return Of Michael Myers*, & *Halloween 5: The Revenge Of Michael Myers*, come back to the big-screen! The Carolina Cinemas Raleigh Grande 16 is showing all 3 films. Tickets \$13 for all 3 movies. At Raleigh Grande 16, 4840 Grove Barton Road, Raleigh
- 10/31
31 Ways to Improve Sales for Small Business (Oct 31 6:45pm-09:00pm)

Free. Small business owners learn 31 ways to boost sales, incl. easy-to-implement exercises, methods, & strategies to increase customer traffic, sales volume, & profits. Pre-registration not required. Register on arrival, at least 15 minutes before class start. At Wake Tech Northern Campus, Bldg D/310, 6600 Louisburg Rd, Raleigh  
For info, [caroix@waketech.edu](mailto:caroix@waketech.edu).

- 10/31
Halloween Night Celebration (Oct 31 @ 7-10:30pm)

Bonfires, jack-o-lanterns, food, drinks, tricks, treats & more. Horror movies projected onto the side of the house. Free & open to the public. House closed, but everyone welcome to take pictures on the front porch. Make s’mores around the fire & enjoy the spooky night. The Myers House, Hillsborough

- 10/31
Halloween Trick or Treat (Oct 31 @ 5-7pm)

Crabtree Valley Mall unveils their “Candy Loop” for babies & children up to 10 years old. Candy stations, plus mall retailers with pumpkins in their front windows are passing out treats. Free photo booth set up. Guess weight of food court giant pumpkin for a chance to win mall gift card. In Crabtree Valley Mall, Raleigh.

- 11/10
Finch Pottery Open House (November 10 @ 10am-5pm)

An annual event, more than 60 Finch Studio Potters show & sell their functional pots & artistic creations. Raku & throwing demonstrations, items for sale, hot spiced cider, food, & more. At Dan Finch Pottery, 5526 Finch Nursery Lane, Bailey  
See [www.danfinch.com](http://www.danfinch.com).

- 11/16
Night of Miracles Cookshack Dinner & Auction (Nov 16 @ dinner 5:30pm, auction 6pm)

Food, fun & fellowship. Door prizes, silent auction & a live auctioneer. (Call to donate items in advance.) Tickets \$15 include a Cookshack Rib Dinner. No charge for kids under 10. At Franklinton High School, 910 Cedar Creek Road, Franklinton.  
Call Donna Wade at 919.291.1040.

These “Things To Do…” listings are free, at publisher’s discretion, and as space allows. Up to 5 lines of description may be included with an event. Priority is given to free, public events. Sponsor names may not be included. Event organizers may purchase regular advertising space to provide more details for events.

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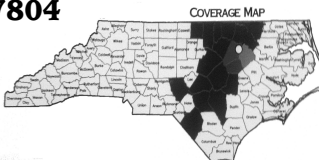
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# NC Shelters and Rescues Collaborate to Save Animals and Humans from the Undead

By Kay Whatley, Editor and Cat Adopter

Zombies attack humans in movies, TV shows, and Halloween attractions. The idea of brain-thirsty “undead” raises eyebrows, yet even the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a 2012 manual on zombie apocalypse survival. Fortunately, NC’s animal groups have a solution to this ongoing fear of zombies: guardian felines.

A video released just in time for Halloween shows kittens attacking zombies, which then run from the fluffy fighters. SPCA of Wake County, headquartered on Pet Finder Lane in Raleigh, released the video October 10, 2013. Details on these special zombie-repellent cats, and a link to the video, are posted on the SPCA Wake web page: [www.spcawake.org/zombies](http://www.spcawake.org/zombies). The website states, “These cats & kittens have been trained under a top secret Romanian government project called *F.A.S.T.* or Feline Alert System Technology.”

The video jokingly shows kittens driving tanks and armed with baseball bats. They take on the zombies and win, protecting their human owners. This tongue-in-cheek video is designed to get across a serious message about pet adoption.

To catch the attention of potential feline adopters, the SPCA Wake video builds on a zombie-repellent cat poster originally created by a Davie County animal shelter. The unique adoption promotion spread like a virus until it turned into a state-wide collaborative effort. More than 30 NC animal shelters and rescues have combined their efforts on the Halloween-themed adoption campaign.

“The SPCA has not participated in something like this before,” Darci VanderSlik of SPCA Wake said. She explained that SPCA Wake is working in conjunction with many separate animal groups, to draw in adopting families for cats and kittens at shelters big and small.

To make the video, SPCA Wake utilized an army of cats and kittens who were waiting for adoption. Volunteers Chris Thomsen and Becky Lembo, along with Pet Finder Lane staffer Vanessa Budnick, put their lives at risk by dressing as zombies and facing the zombie-repellent kittens under Darci’s direction.



L to R: Chris Thomsen, Becky Lembo, Vanessa Budnick  
Photo by Darci VanderSlik

These three may not look familiar under all that make-up, but Chris, Becky, and Vanessa also starred in an SPCA Wake video in 2011 set to the tune of ABBA’s song “Take a Chance on Me”. That video was viewed over 97,000 times on YouTube in two years. The Zombie-Repellent Cat video is off to a good start with over 3,800 in its first week.

What drives Darci and the team is not video production credit. They do what they do to ensure pets find homes, no matter where they are located.

“It is not just about the SPCA Wake shelter. The smaller, local shelters have amazing cats, but not the resources to reach out,” says Darci. “With the zombie collaboration project, all the animal groups are sharing resources.”

During the zombie promotion, the website guarantees all cats and kittens. “If a Zombie ever invades your home, we will refund your adoption fee completely. All kittens come with a certificate of authenticity from the Romanian Feline Institute.”

Perhaps for a little extra donation, a kitten might come with its own specially-built tank like the one in the video? Well, probably not, but they sure do look cute driving one.

In addition to stocking up for the apocalypse, or even reading the CDC zombie survival guide, families may also want to consider about adopting a *F.A.S.T.* cat or kitten to help repel zombie hordes to come. Think about it... before the zombies come for brains!

## Where to Adopt

Alley Cats And Angels (Apex)  
[www.alleycatsandangels.org](http://www.alleycatsandangels.org)

Ashe County Humane Society (Jefferson)  
[ashehumanesociety.org](http://ashehumanesociety.org)

Carolina Animal Rescue & Adoption (Sanford)  
[www.cara-nc.org](http://www.cara-nc.org)

Cashiers-Highland Humane Society (Sapphire)  
[chhumanesociety.org](http://chhumanesociety.org)

Chatham County Animal Control (Pittsboro)  
[chathamnc.animalshelter.net](http://chathamnc.animalshelter.net)

Colonial Capital Humane Society (New Bern)  
[www.colonialcapital.org](http://www.colonialcapital.org)

Craven-Pamlico Animal Services Center (New Bern)  
[www.petfinder.com/shelters/cpasc.html](http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/cpasc.html)

Davidson County Animal Shelter (Lexington)  
[www.co.davidson.nc.us/animalshelter](http://www.co.davidson.nc.us/animalshelter)

Davie County Animal Shelter (Mocksville)  
[www.facebook.com/DavieCountyAnimalShelter](http://www.facebook.com/DavieCountyAnimalShelter)

Harnett County Animal Shelter (Lillington)  
[harnettanimalcontrol.com](http://harnettanimalcontrol.com)

Johnston County Animal Protection League  
[jcapl.org/blog](http://jcapl.org/blog)

Lenoir County SPCA (Kinston)  
[www.lenoircountyspca.org](http://www.lenoircountyspca.org)

Lincoln County Animal Services (Lincolnton)  
[www.petfinder.com/shelters/nc289.html](http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/nc289.html)

PAWS of Bryson City Animal Shelter (Bryson City)  
[pawsbrysoncity.org](http://pawsbrysoncity.org)

PAWS of Hertford County (Winton)  
[www.pawsofhertfordcounty.com](http://www.pawsofhertfordcounty.com)

Robeson County Humane Society (Lumberton)  
[www.robesonhumanesociety.org](http://www.robesonhumanesociety.org)

Rutherford County Animal Shelter (Rutherfordton)  
[rutherfordcountync.gov/animalshelter](http://rutherfordcountync.gov/animalshelter)

Safe Haven for Cats (Raleigh)  
[safehavenforcats.org](http://safehavenforcats.org)

Sampson County Animal Shelter (Clinton)  
[www.facebook.com/SampsonCountyAnimalShelter](http://www.facebook.com/SampsonCountyAnimalShelter)

Scotland County Humane Society (Laurinburg)  
[www.scotlandhumane.org](http://www.scotlandhumane.org)

Second Chance Pet Adoptions (Raleigh)  
[www.secondchancenc.org](http://www.secondchancenc.org)

Stokes County Animal Control (Germanton)  
[www.co.stokes.nc.us/animal](http://www.co.stokes.nc.us/animal)

SPCA of Northeastern North Carolina (Elizabeth City)  
[spcaofnenc.org](http://spcaofnenc.org)

SPCA of Wake County (Raleigh)  
[www.spcawake.org](http://www.spcawake.org)

Warren County Humane Society (Warrenton)  
[www.warrencountync.com/animalcontrol.aspx](http://www.warrencountync.com/animalcontrol.aspx)

Watauga Humane Society (Boone)  
[www.wataugahumanesociety.org/catalog/](http://www.wataugahumanesociety.org/catalog/)

Wayne County Animal Shelter (Goldsboro)  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Wayne-County-Animal-Adoption-and-Education-Center/151810534864752](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wayne-County-Animal-Adoption-and-Education-Center/151810534864752)

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## Little Bits

### Chuckle of the Issue

A horse trots into a bar. The bartender says “Hey!” The horse says, “Sure.”

### Word(s) of the Issue

#### **perfunctory**

A thing done hastily; without attention to detail.

**Example:** She gave a perfunctory “thank you”.

### Translation of the Issue

**English — pumpkin / gourd**

German — kürbis

Spanish — calabaza

Italian — zucca

Latin — cucurbita

Translations for these words in many more languages may be found online (translate.google.com, etc.).

### Quote of the Issue

**Ronald Reagan**

“All great change in America begins at the dinner table.”

### Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle.

Hint: L= E.

V I D H C D Z Q M V L S S L K

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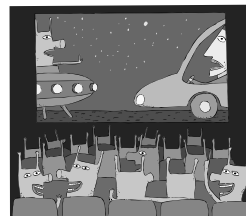
Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*My wife doesn't care what I do when I'm away, as long as I don't have a good time. -- Lee Trevino*

## Carmike 10-Wilson Movie Review of the Issue

*By Frank Whatley, Sales Manager*

In keeping with the theme of Halloween, this issue’s movie review is *Carrie* — a 2013 remake of the 1976 horror classic.



Usually the review is done by me, my wife, and my two children; but, with the hustle-and-bustle of October deadlines, Spirit week, homecoming, and band concerts, I found myself in the position of having to do the review by myself.

I chose *Carrie* because I'm a huge Stephen King fan. So, here goes the first review done by... the Wattman.

The movie stays along the same line as the 1976 movie, but with a few twists. Carrie White, a shy teenager (played by Chloë Grace Moretz), is like a fish out of water, raised by Margaret White (played by Julianne Moore — who by the way plays a great crazy lady).

Carrie is raised in a deeply religious home, which makes her an outcast. That, coupled with the fact that Carrie has an amazing telekinetic power makes for some interesting watching.

Updated with all the latest internet and cell phone technologies of today, this *Carrie* “2.0” was a fun film to watch. Filled with cyber bullying, new special-effects make the film worth watching. I give the film 3 Wattman stars (★★★). It is a great movie to watch for the Halloween season.

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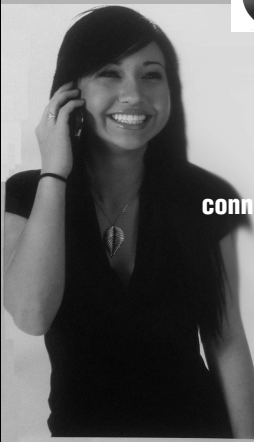
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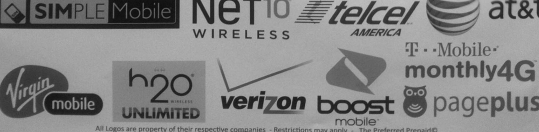
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