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Irving Independent School District Hires First African American Superintendent



Dr. Dana Bedden, Ed. D

BY JACKIE HARDY
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Irving Independent School District (IISD) hires first African American Superintendent, Dr. Dana Bedden, Ed. D. Bedden comes to Texas after serving three years as Superin-

tendent at the Richmond County School District in Augusta, Georgia.

"This is a District where 80 percent of its students live in poverty (according to a Dallas Morning News report). It's impressive when the majority

of schools within the District have received academic acceptable ratings or higher facing obstacles such as high poverty rates amongst its students and that says to me there is an opportunity for greatness

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COVER STORY

Mayor Leppert's 14th Annual Back To School Fair Thursday, August 5



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Wall Street Reform: A Genuine People's Victory

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
(NNPA) Last week's media hype on Shirley Sherrod and the Department of Agriculture obliterated what should have been a triumphant moment for the nation: the President's signing of the historic Dodd-Frank bill and the

creation of a new bureau dedicated to consumer protection. As with all major legislation, a signing ceremony still occurred; but its significance was dwarfed by the tabloid effects of the Sherrod incident.

It took more than a year of federal deliberations to

develop a bill that both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives could agree to support. From the outset, it seemed that the deep pockets of Wall Street bankers and their army of lobbyists would overwhelm a grassroots coalition of consumer groups,

civil rights organizations, clergy, and unions in a modern day David and Goliath saga.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, in 2009 alone, \$465 million was spent by the financial

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PBS to Broadcast Aretha Franklin Presents Soul Rewind

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District Attorney Craig Watkins maintains public safety, prosecution of criminals directly impacted by budget cuts

(NDG Wire) Dallas County District Attorney (DA) Craig Watkins said he understands the difficult economic times we are facing, wants to work with commissioners to come up with practical solutions to close the budget gap and is

willing to sacrifice with a pay cut and furloughs, however, he maintains public safety and the ability to successfully prosecute criminal cases will be in jeopardy if forced to cut prosecutors and investigators in the DA's office. In

fact, the district attorney, who supports the proposed specialized court for repeat offenders who commit property crimes, says he needs funding for three new prosecutors for that



Craig Watkins

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COMMENTARY

Introspection

BY JAMES CLINGMAN
(NNPA) What has this country become since Barack Obama was elected President? Or, has it always been this way? Where have all the evil, vicious, malcontents been hiding for 100 years? Or, have they been here all the time? How is it that we have not achieved that state of nirvana so many talked about on January 20, 2009? Or, is it really unreachable?

Do you remember the column I wrote during inauguration week? It was titled, The Morning After, which alluded to the state

of this country, especially Black people, after the dust had settled, the hoopla had died down, and the euphoria had dissipated. Now that we can take a real honest look at ourselves, do we like what we see?

Politically speaking, I am not surprised by the shenanigans of the so-called "far right" and "far left" wings; but it is a bit disconcerting to see some of the so-called progressives and centrists getting their shots in as well. It simply begs the question:

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People In The News...



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Andrea D. Willis

Andrea D. Willis has behind her name a B.S., M.D., M.P.H., and FAAP. Her Bachelor of Science degree is from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She earned her Medical Degree from Georgetown University, and she received her Masters of Public Health after successfully matriculating through Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Willis is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She will be the first

to tell you that while the degrees are great accomplishments, they don't nearly tell half the story.

Dr. Willis has served in private group practice; served as deputy commissioner of health for a state; as well as started up the State Children's Health Insurance Program in the state in which she resides. While the titles look great on a resume and some would say that they are positions of glory, they don't alone tell

the story.

They don't tell how she went from raising pigs as a little girl in Alabama to holding press conferences with her governor. The positions have been blessings and favor from God for a woman that has a heart to serve.

Dr. Willis knew as a girl that she was destined to become a physician. She even knew that her career was her ministry and that it would broaden outside of the clinical setting. What she could not have known back then is the powerful

testimony that comes when policy meets practice and when ministry meets medicine.

She can now tell about the journey to bring vision to fruition by stepping out on faith and the very real connection between health and spirituality. She is also well known in her community for helping the terminally ill find peace in the midst of spiritual turmoil. It is the memory of those very strong people that she launched DiagnosisDestiny, LLC.

With DiagnosisDestiny,

Dr. Willis speaks to a wide variety of audiences that range from college students, medical students, health workers and providers, church congregations, community organizations, and women's conferences. She has done numerous television and radio interviews, as well as been a featured story contributor for YourBlackWorld.com.

Dr. Andrea D. Willis speaks to and connects with a wide variety of audiences. She has recently been a featured guest on the Michael Baisden show.



Imani A'ni Handy

Imani A'ni Handy is a 15-year-old junior at McKinney Boyd High School in McKinney, Texas. Imani



started singing at an early age and her love for music over the years has blossomed. At the age of 6 Imani began taking violin lessons with the Suzuki School of Music in Shreveport, Louisiana. This endeavor served as a catalyst that leads her to develop an interest in playing the piano and the guitar.

Imani's love for music evolved into singing as well as acting. She has been casted in several musical plays (Oliver, Aladdin Jr.,

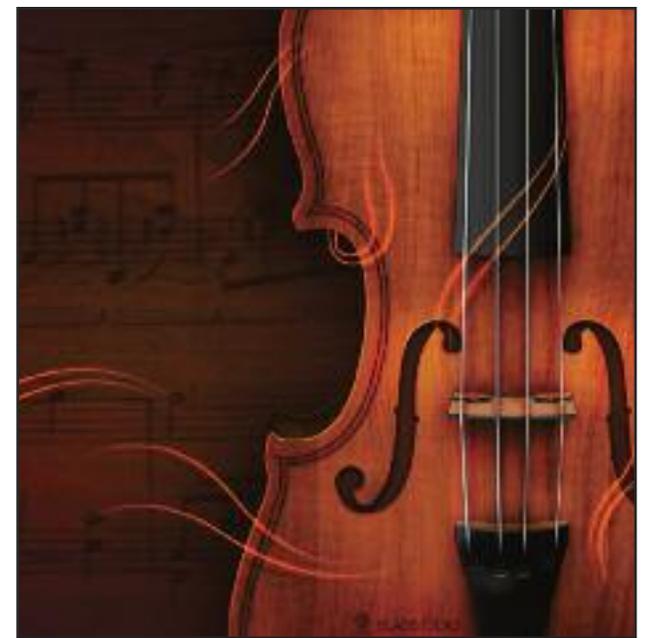
Stone Soup, LaBoheme, The Christmas Story and Peter Pan). She is currently a member of McKinney Boyd's Honor A Capella Choir where she sings 2nd soprano and McKinney Boyd's Chamber Orchestra where she plays 1st and 2nd violin.

Imani dazzled her audiences each time she took stage this year while performing in Plano, Texas, New Orleans, Louisiana, and most recently Raleigh, North Carolina. These programs were sponsored by the Alpha Lota Lota graduate chapter of the Omega

Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., located in the North Dallas communities.

Imani is also a member of a unique orchestra call Strings of Color comprise of African American students from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The ages range from middle school to college level.

Imani's dream is to use her God given talents to inspire and cultivate the universal language "Music". Her plans are to major in Medicine and minor in Music. Imani believes a singing doctor can soothe the ills of the world.



Angelina Kwan

(NDG Wire) Amid calls for renewed regulation and oversight of corporations and industries, corporate boards of directors have a greater imperative than ever to effectively and ethically protect and promote the interests of their stakeholders.

In light of this call for improved corporate gover-

nance, seven new directors in residence have joined the Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance at The UTD School of Management.

The new directors will assist the IECG with programs and research designed to provide solutions to issues facing corporate

directors and senior management, IECG Executive Director Constantine (Connie) Konstans says.

The new directors include Nikki J. Beneke, president of Beneke Consulting. She will work with the IECG to develop a new initiative for training boards of nonprofit hospitals and to further the initiatives of the Positioning Women for Corporate Governance program. Beneke has served on national and local boards and recently received the President's Volunteer of the Year Award from National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

David J. Kohl, senior vice president and principal, Roach Howard Smith and Barton. He will provide the institute with advice and guidance on its CEO Middle Market Program. Kohl brings experience focusing on serving the needs of pub-

lic and private middle-market companies as well as leading his firm's Directors and Officers Liability Practice.

Angelina Kwan, managing director, chief operating officer – Asia Pacific for Cantor Fitzgerald, who will provide leadership and guidance on the institute's Asia/Pacific Program.

Carl Mudd, chairman and CEO, ACM Holdings, LTD, and senior managing director, ADi Group. He will assist the institute with its Asia/Pacific Programs. Mudd serves as director of two China-based U.S. public-listed corporations and previously has served as chairman of the audit committees on the boards of public companies.

Alan Stein, development executive, BKD. He founded and facilitates the Career Continuum and the Women's Boardroom Initia-

tive and will focus on the Positioning Women for Corporate Governance program and other women's

initiatives. Stein has extensive experience in staffing, recruiting, outplacement, coaching and counseling.



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Full Employment is Needed Fast

BY GARY L. FLOWERS (NNPA) President Barack Obama signed legislation to extend unemployment benefits to the long-term unemployed. By the president's signature, the jobless were given a little relief to their lack of financial resources in a critically depressing economic period.

Congressional filibusters were used by national Republicans for the flimsiest of reasons in opposing benefit extension. Among them, unemployment benefits:

Do not help economic recovery; only the private sector can solve economic issues affecting the poor; benefits reduce people's desire to look for work; and the fixing the national debt is more important than feeding the poor.

The result of the war on the poor is that most Americans are unemployed underemployed. Officially, ac-



ording to a recent Duke University study, national poverty has increased 5% in the past four years. Therefore, putting America back to work is the nation's highest need. Yes, president Obama and Congress have passed modest legislation around health care reform, financial reform, and an extension of unemployment insurance, but job creation is paramount.

Of the most viable short-term possible legislative solutions has been offered by Congressman John Conyers (MI), Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

The 21st Century Full Employment and Training Act" seeks to create a full employment society by 2020. The legislation is modeled after full employment legislation offered by

Senator Hubert Humphrey (MN) and Representative Augustus Hawkins (CA) that was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978.

Under the proposed legislation a trust fund would be established with two separate funds: one for job creation, and the other for job training

Job creation money would be modeled on the Community Development Block Grant formula and be administered by local elected officials.

The second account would be based on the Workforce Investment Act and resemble the Jobs Corps. After all, local elected officials are best suited to know where job funds should be allocated. Full employment is needed fast.

Gary L. Flowers is executive director & CEO Black Leadership Forum, Inc.

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Have we really come as far as we say we have? And, brothers and sisters, that answer is a resounding "NO!"

On the economic side of the coin, Black folks are still fighting for survival, now along with many others in this country, for employment, inclusion, and business support. We are still being "dissed" by the banks when it comes to loans, interest rates, and credit card fees. Our bailout, long overdue, has yet to come and probably never will come.

Socially, although many pretend to be in a state of mutual respect and brotherly love, we are still at odds with one another due to inequity, suspicion, and fear. One hundred and forty-five years after Black people were so-called "freed" disparities continue to exist, institutionalized by various entities, and many are still advocating for "race dialogues" between whites and Blacks. You would think

that Black folks just arrived here rather than being in this country since it started.

We know the situation that exists in the areas of education and criminal justice. So what ties it all together, this web of discontent and despair? It seems to me, based on what is taking place among the so-called leaders of our society, along with the big-wig movers and shakers, it all boils down to a scarcity rather than abundance mindset. Too many folks are out simply to get theirs and to get as much of yours as they can. The poor are competing for crumbs and, with their zero sum mindset, are afraid that if you get a dollar or a job it takes a dollar or a job away from them.

Where it all end? Will this country change before it collapses under the weight of its own greed, injustice, intolerance, and hate? I don't know if we will make it or not, but by the looks of

things I do know we have a long way to go, and we better get busy turning this battleship around.

Our representatives, those we elect to help us, are bilking us. They have the best of everything but would deny us even a smidgen of relief. They have the best healthcare, but have to debate and decide if we should have it. They have the best retirement plans but ponder cutting our Social Security, a system in which they do not even participate. They go into office in many cases, just as broke as we are but come out as millionaires by working the political system to enrich themselves rather than looking out for our interests. How is it that we, the electorate keep returning these same characters to office even after they have done absolutely nothing for "the people"?

Corruption, excess, self-indulgence, and greed rule the day, much akin to some

of the great empires we read about in years past. Evil acts are being perpetrated against good people, such as Shirley Sherrod, the U.S. Department of Agriculture employee who was summarily fired for what amounted to helping a white farmer. Isn't it strange that no one has been fired for the years of discrimination against Black farmers, which has resulted in a \$2 billion punitive award (who knows when it will be paid)? Sherrod gets fired for a positive comment, and for decades other USDA employees keep their jobs while blatantly discriminating against Black farmers. What a country, huh?

We are, as they say, "In a pickle." We are in the belly of the beast. And we had better get busy making appropriate changes before the vaunted "United" States of America goes down the proverbial tube.

Irving gains a new health plan for small business

(NDG Wire) A new benefits plan was launched in Irving on July 14 at the Chamber Information Center in Irving's Heritage Crossing by an Irving-based nonprofit group.

The North Texas 3-Share Plan will give uninsured people who are em-

ployed by small businesses a new health care alternative. It calls for monthly health care premiums to be split between the employee, employer and a subsidy fund.

To learn more, visit www.northtexas3share.org.

Point-of-sale advertising major cause of teen smoking, study shows

BY ROSANNE SPECTOR
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Point-of-sale tobacco advertising works impressively well on teens — so well that federal regulators should consider barring such marketing efforts from convenience stores, gas stations and small groceries, a Stanford University School of Medicine researcher said.

A study published in the

August issue of *Pediatrics* led by Lisa Henriksen, PhD, senior research scientist at the Stanford Prevention Research Center, reports that teens' exposure to cigarette advertising at retail outlets substantially increases the odds they will start smoking. According to the findings, students who visited these stores on a regular basis were at least twice as likely

to try smoking as those who visited infrequently.

"The tobacco industry argues the purpose of advertising is to encourage smokers to switch brands, but this shows that advertising encourages teenagers to pick up a deadly habit," said Henriksen, who has studied tobacco marketing for more than a decade.

The study's publication

comes just as the new federal Tobacco Regulation Law goes into effect, empowering the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to regulate the manufacturing, marketing and sale of tobacco products. As of June 22, tobacco companies are banned from using terms such as "light," "low" and "mild" on advertising and packaging and

North Dallas Ques Talent Hunt Program

(NDG Wire) Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter sponsored its 19th annual Talent Hunt program at the Garland Plaza Performing Arts Center.

Fourteen outstanding high school students showed off their vast reservoir of talents and captivated the audience. Performers showed their talents as vocalist, musicians and interpretive movement dancers.

The three judges this year were Reynolds Barnes, Jackie Regan, and Jennifer Laws.

Program chairman Bro. Horace Satisfield and Master of Ceremony

Bro. Michael Hartman presented the awards to the three winning contestants and certificates to other participants.

1st place winner, Laureen Green, speech, Mesquite HS

2nd place Winner Imani A'na Handy, vocalist, Allen HS

3rd place winner, Brandi Murell, interpretive mo

Special music performances were provided by Karis Cooks, pianist and duo violinist, Landrum Hudson and Valerie Gan.

Sponsors include Harold Carter Realtors, Impressive Images, Regina Y Powe DDS, Time Warner Cable, Al Gordon,



Wayne Powe, Imani Handy, Michael Hartman, Laureen Green, Earnest Goode, Brandi Murell, Horace Satisfield

Doyle Clark, Julius Chambers, and John Davis.

The program was very well attended by community supporters, sponsors and brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The chapter has a commitment and tradition of providing a positive outlet for student/performers and has produced several past 9th District winners.

This exceptional community service program was started and continued by Brothers Wayne Williams, Lawrence Carriere, Ron Silas, Wayne Powe, and this years' talent hunt chairman, Horace Satisfield.

Texans to receive \$2.25 billion in grants to extend money follows the person rebalancing demonstration

(NDG Wire) Texans with disabilities can now receive care in the comfort of their own homes instead of in long-term institutional care facilities through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Grant. This grant, which is being issued to states this week, encourages states that are not part of the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration to apply for grant funding. The (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration Program initially provided assistance to 31 states that needed help balancing their long-term

care systems. Through the Health and Human Services (HHS) Community Living Initiative and the Affordable Care Act more people needing help moving from long-term facilities to their homes will now be able to. An additional \$450 million will extend this program through fiscal year 2016; for a total of \$2.25 billion. The added money allows 20

more states to apply for grant.

"Giving people with various disabilities the opportunity to be cared for in a familiar surrounding is a good thing. I am very pleased that Texas was among the original 31 states to receive the grant," said Congresswoman Johnson. "I encourage other states to apply for it."

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Free Community Workshop: Do You Know What's on Your Kid's Phone?

(NDG Wire) The City of Carrollton Police Department will offer the next in a series of free community workshops on Thursday, August 5 from 7 until 8:15 p.m.

"Do you know what's on your kid's phone?" will feature Carrollton Police

Department Detectives Michelle Grigg and Dena Williams of the Crimes Against Persons Unit as speakers.

Cyberbullying and sexting are risky activities that can have devastating effects on kids. This workshop will talk about

internet safety, combating online predators and the criminal aspects of cyberbullying and sexting.

Registration is limited to the first 100 persons. No children or teens allowed; parents only. For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com.

Irving Summer Youth Programs

(NDG Wire) The Irving Police Department's Athletic League is partnering with the Irving Independent School District and the YMCA to offer free summer youth programs. Choose from different sessions offered through Aug. 6.

• Summer Hoops: Youth, ages 10-14, will

practice teamwork, develop positive relationships with police, while sharpening fundamental basketball skills at the Sam Houston Recreation Center, 3033 W. Country Club Drive. For more information contact Sgt. Richie Miller at (972) 721-2544 or rmiller@cityofirving.org.

• Summer Kicks: Youth ages 8-14, will focus on soccer fundamentals, teamwork, sportsmanship and creating relationships with the community at the Irving YMCA, 2200 W. Irving Blvd. For more information, contact Sgt. Joe Palomar at 972-721-2545 or jjpalomar@cityofirving.org.

Supplies for Success Drive

(NDG Wire) Irving residents and businesses are invited to participate in the 6th Annual Mayor and Firefighters Supplies for Success school supply drive through Aug. 6. This citywide event is held to collect school supplies for economically dis-

advantaged students who attend school in Irving ISD.

Donations may be dropped off at any Irving fire station. Financial contributions for the purchase of supplies can be mailed to: IISD Partnerships in Education c/o Supplies for Success

Drive, P.O. Box 152637, Irving, TX 75015-2637. E-mail partnership@irvingisd.net to set up a delivery point to drop off large donations. Those who need assistance with supplies should contact their child's school counselor.

Fight for Your Marriage authors host unusual marriage conference

(NDG Wire) Allen and Angela Blackston, authors of *Fight for Your Marriage*, will host a marriage conference in Frisco, Texas, at the Westin Stonebriar Hotel and Resort August 14.

"Commitment Without Compromise" will serve as the theme of this year's conference and will include morning worship from songwriter, producer and national worship leader and recording artist Larry Colbert; two of five different educational breakout sessions to choose from; lunch with key-note speakers; and a time for prayer and impartation where lives will be positively impacted.

"This conference will inspire, motivate, and refresh couples, no matter where



Angela and Allen Blackston

they are in their relationship," stated Allen Blackston, president and chief executive officer of Victorious Marriage. "Married and engaged couples will benefit from the practical solutions they will receive."

Couple registration for the conference is \$130 and

includes the full day activities, goody bag, automatic entry in gift drawings, and a full course hot lunch. The Westin Stonebriar Hotel and Resort, located at 1549 Legacy Drive, is offering a conference rate of \$99 plus tax to attendees.

"We are encouraging couples to invest in their marriage and make it a sweetheart weekend," noted Angela Blackston, vice president and co-founder of Victorious Marriage. "This will be a time for couples to have a life changing impact on their relationship."

For additional information about the "Commitment Without Compromise" marriage conference, visit www.victoriousmarriage.org or call 972-668-7311.

Dallas man sentenced to more than 14 years in federal prison

(NDG Wire) Jose Miguel Estevane, 26, of Dallas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Jorge A. Solis to a total of 170 months in federal prison, without parole, on cocaine and firearm convictions, announced U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks of the Northern District of Texas.

Estevane pleaded guilty in March 2010 to one count of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine and one count of carrying a firearm during and relation to a drug trafficking crime. Estevane has been in custody since his

arrest in December 2009 by special agents with the FBI on charges outlined in a related federal criminal complaint.

According to documents filed in the case, on December 9, 2009, Estevane agreed to sell five kilograms of cocaine to a confidential informant, working with the FBI, for \$125,000. When the FBI executed a search warrant at Estevane's residence on Fernwood Drive in Dallas that day, they discovered approximately nine kilograms of cocaine on a table, in plain

view. In addition, his co-defendant, Alex Noel Mendoza-Cano, 34, was at the residence guarding the drugs. This amount of cocaine is consistent with bulk distribution, not personal use.

Mendoza-Cano pleaded guilty in March 2010 to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine and faces a minimum statutory sentence of not less than 10 years or more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Solis on September 8.

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TexPREP student offers suggestions on improving traffic in Metroplex

(NDG Wire) Students in the Texas Prefreshman Engineering Program (TexPREP) at the University of North Texas at Dallas got an up-close look at the Texas Department of Transportation control center that monitors traffic on Dallas-area interstates July 15.

Steven Blair, 13, was fascinated with the large video screens on the wall showing multiple views of Dallas interstates in the "Intelligent Transportation System." He asked Michelle Releford—Public Information Officer with the TxDOT Dallas District office and tour guide for the morning—how to end congestion in the Metroplex.

"That is in today's time the \$64 million question," Releford said. "Do we build more highways or do we go to public transportation? Right now we're trying to do both. We don't have enough money to build enough capacity on the roadways that we have to alleviate the traffic that we have."

So Blair, who will be an eighth grader this fall at Harry Stone Montessori Academy, offered an idea.

"What is wrong with adding more years of driving school, making the driver's test more comprehensive?" he asked. He suggested making the driving

test in driver's education better by adding obstacles that should be avoided like animatronic dogs and trash cans that driver's must safely avoid.

Releford told him that was a good suggestion because driver inattention is the number one cause of traffic accidents.

Releford guided students through the operations center, the largest operation of its kind in Texas, where they learned interesting facts about the Dallas-area transportation system. The Dallas district includes 10,000 miles of highways, and Dal-Trans' goals are to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity and improve air quality, she told students. To accomplish this, the district relies on four sources.

The district had 50 cameras when it opened in 1995. Today it has 285 cameras that operators use to monitor hundreds of miles of local highways 24 hours a day, five days a week.

"Probably next month it's going to go to 24 hours seven days a week," Releford said. "We're about 90 percent of where we want to be. We're not building any more new roadways in this area, so we are outfitting the roadways we have with cameras, and when we get a few more, then we'll be



Deborah Allen, an operator in the control center at the Dallas District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation, shows students in the Texas Prefreshman Engineering Program from UNT Dallas how they monitor traffic on local highways July 15.

complete."

The cameras only cover several hundred miles that have the most likelihood of congestion, so they also monitor more than 200 pavement sensors and mounted vehicle sensors that tell how fast traffic is going. Operators also rely on courtesy patrol and citizens who call in from highways.

One key element is to manage traffic from crashes and broken down cars.

The cameras are only used to help TxDOT personnel monitor road conditions and warn motorists of incidents that may affect travel.

Martin Burns, one of the operators monitoring the cameras who answered many questions, told students, "We're kind of first responders because we see this stuff on camera. We have a radio we can directly call the Dallas police and all the other police depart-

ment; that way they can get there quicker."

Burns said they use "dynamic message signs" on highways to broadcast traffic conditions, suggest alternate routes, and to issue Amber alerts. They also call Metro Traffic, Traffic Pulse and Traffic.com so that they can get the word

out on radio and television quickly.

TexPREP is a mathematics-based, academic enrichment program for middle and high school students. The curriculum emphasizes mathematical logic and reasoning as a basis for problem solving. In addition, Year 3 students are introduced to technical writing.

Students attend summer classes seven weeks for four years. Guest speakers,

hands-on projects, field trips and special events help students develop critical thinking, abstract reasoning and systematic analysis.

Paloma Ayala, 13, who will be in eighth grade at Greiner Middle School this fall, said she had noticed the cameras along Dallas interstates and wondered if they were used to catch speeders for police departments. The students learned that they are only used to monitor the traffic.

Ayala thought the neatest thing they learned on the tour was how operators use the cameras to find cars that having missing people in them. She signed up for the summer pre-engineering program because she was told it would be helpful, even though she plans on going into the medical field. She said she liked the TexPREP program because it is challenging.

"Yes, I like it. It's entertaining, and I'm learning, and I have something to do in the summer."

The university will host a graduation ceremony for the students and their families at 1 p.m. July 30.

Fall registration under way

(NDG Wire) Returning students may register one of the following ways: On campus with an advisor or program specialist or online at eConnect.dcccd.edu. New students must register in person by seeing an advisor. Fall classes begin August 23.

Registration/Admissions Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7: p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For more information call 972-860-7100 or visit www.eastfieldcollege.edu.

The Pleasant Grove campus is hosting New Student Orientation Sessions; you don't have to be a registered student to attend these ses-

sions.

Tuesday, August 17, 6-9 PM; Thursday, August 19, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and

Saturday, August 21, 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m or 6:30 p.m.

Sign up on Saturday! Eastfield College is offering Saturday Registration August 14 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the C Building, Room 119.

In an effort to provide the most accurate and up-to-date class information, Eastfield College is no longer printing credit class schedules. It's also earth friendly!

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Grief expert to speak at VNA Bereavement Luncheon

(NDG Wire) Grief expert Norma Carter, author of "Without Warning," will be the featured speaker at the August 26 bereavement luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association. Ms. Carter will be speaking on "Rebuilding a Shattered Life."

The luncheon is from noon to 1 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation on 3966 McKinney Avenue in Dallas. There is no cost

to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made through August 24 by calling (214) 689-2633.

VNA's bereavement luncheons offer supportive company from friendly and understanding people to individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

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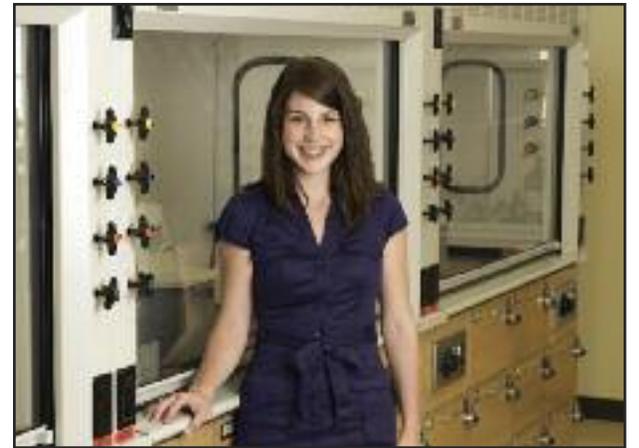


TWU graduate student Brenna Tucker to present at national chemistry conference

(NDG Wire) Brenna Tucker of Gladewater, a Texas Woman's University master's student in chemistry, is the only student from the U.S. and one of only four students internationally to receive a William F. Giauque Travel Award attended the 2010 North American Calorimetry Conference in Colorado Springs July 18-23.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend a prestigious national conference, present my research to an international audience and network with scientists from around the world," Ms. Tucker said.

During the conference, Tucker will present on her research investigating the sequences of DNA relating to cancer and cancer treat-



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ing drugs, titled "A Spectroscopic and Calorimetric Investigation of the Human Telomeric DNA Sequence."

"The selection of Ms. Tucker to attend and present at this meeting clearly demonstrates that student

research at TWU is competitive and recognized nationally and beyond," said Dr. Richard Sheardy, professor and chair of the TWU chemistry and physics department.

Check Resources Plus partners with salons to send kids back to school in style

(NDG Wire) For many, hair services are not on the back-to-school shopping list, until Check Resources Plus in Frisco reached out to local hair stylists who immediately volunteered to donate their time and talents to kids in need.

"Just the way they sit up in the chair and how, as soon as you start styling, their smiles start to get bigger and bigger, you know you are making a difference" said Tina Carter of Salon Care By Tina in Plano, who has do-

nated free hair services over the years to numerous kids.

Hair services will begin in August and will continue throughout the month. For additional information, call 469-362-7776.

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Every Tuesday

The Irving Public Library invites families to enjoy stories and music in both English and Spanish. **Family bilingual storytimes** are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the East Branch Library, 440 S. Nursery Road, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. For more information, call 972-721-2458.

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. (Doors open at 6:30 pm.) Collin County Republican Party HQ, 8416 Stacy Rd., McKinney. Call Linda Wynn Drain, 214-498-7574 or website www.aarcc.com

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CCBC General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Call 469-424-1020 or email: info@CCBlackChamber.org for location.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or meetup.com/378.

Group Business Seminars at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, (214) 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNo

LimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

North Dallas Texas Democratic Women Regular Meetings 4th Thursday, 6:45 p.m. Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Rd (between Forest & Royal Lanes).

Target Second Saturdays at Latino Cultural Center On the second Saturday of every month family-friendly activities celebrating Latino arts and culture. Come in for one hour, or stay the whole day.

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Business Empowerment Sessions. Learn to grow a successful small business. 1st Thursday of each month at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dallas. Call 214-942-6698 for details.

How to start a business. Free sessions on getting started the right way. Sessions held the last Monday of each month. Call The PLAN Fund for details 214-942-6698.

Thru August 1

Cold War animosities, romance, loyalty, deception, '80s style power ballads and logical strategies are a strange blend, but all come together in Theatre Brookhaven's summer musical, **Chess**. Join the School of the Arts Drama at Brookhaven College in the Performance Hall for its performance of Chess. Info: 972-860-4118

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Thru September 5
Constructive Spirit: Abstract Art in South and North America, 1920s-1950s at the Amon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

Thru Sept. 6
Gaylord Texan Summer-Fest Wonderland Adventure brings to life author Lewis Carroll's original vision of the magical place called Wonderland. Guests will enjoy fun-filled exhibits, performances and games for both the young and the young at heart! Journey Down The Rabbit Hole 3-D Black Light Maze, PHOTO with ALICE and the Cheshire Cat, Rock Band Bar Nights, wine and cheese tastings, family dive in movies, fireworks and more. Visit www.gaylordhotels.com for more information.

Thru November 7
Amon Carter Museum's Ansel Adams: Eloquent Light features 40 photographs by the artist. Admission to the Carter is free.

July 31
NID-HCA Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Event 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Fort Worth Event Center, 2100 Evan Avenue, Fort Worth. Info: 877-964-3422

City of Frisco's first-ever Safety Palooza at Frisco Police Department located at 7200 Stonebrook Parkway, directly across the street from Frisco High School. Info: 972-292-6145 or Services@FriscoTexas.gov. Learn more about National Night out at www.FriscoTexas.gov/NNO.

August 2 - 6
ROBOTS - 4 - U Summer Camp Five days of fun with robots. Robots, science, design, building, programming and playing. Admission: \$275.00 Info: 972-782-2503 or www.robots-4-u.com.

August 3
Chocolate Blues and Business Networking Festival is a giant B2B networking event for business owners, managers and professionals in the Dallas and Plano area. This event features live blues music, free chocolate, open networking, door prizes, a business expo with vendors, networking games and more! Admission: FREE to attend! Vendor fee is \$100. Info: Shelly Rice at 417.353.2610 or ChocolateBluesAndBusiness.com

August 5
14th annual Mayor's Back To School Fair, presented by Walmart and Sam's Club, on Thursday, August 5, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Fair Park. Free and open to the public, the Mayor's Back To School Fair is a one-stop shop providing school supplies to stu-

dents who meet specific eligibility requirements, plus free services, information and entertainment for everyone.

August 7
In Business 2 Win are FREE Entrepreneur Expo & Workshops from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Comings Community Center located at 2976 Cummings.

August 13-14
The 15th Annual Summer Homeschool Conference features educational seminars, opportunity to network with other Homeschool parents, and explore the latest educational tools, products, and services. Info: www.NTHEN.org or 972-772-7798.

August 14
Career Fair at the 6th annual No Limit Women's Expo 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson. Admission to the Career Fair is free for job seekers. General admission to the other activities at the expo is \$5 or \$3 with a canned food donation benefiting the North Texas Food Bank.

August 16-22
KRLD Restaurant Week presented by Central Market. Get acquainted with DFW's hottest menus, while supporting local restaurants and charities. Summer dining deal features three-course prix fixe meals priced at only \$35/person (tax, tip and drinks billed separately). Reservations required. Founded by KRLD Radio, the 13th annual promo benefits the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas and the Lena Pope Home in Fort Worth (\$7 of each meal goes to charity). See www.krld.com for more details.

August 20 - 21
Women of Faith's 2010 event, Imagine. This 2-day

event is to imagine what it would be like if the God who created us was willing and able to provide exactly what we need. Why would He do that? Because He loves us. He loves YOU. Imagine that. Imagine having two days focused on God and His love for you. Info: womenof-faith.com

September 3 - 7
Dallas D.A.N.C.E. Swing Competition welcomes you to attend the biggest and most exciting **Swing dance competition** in the country on Labor Day Weekend. Held at the Fairmont Hotel and Towers in Dallas, this event features a 5,000 sq. ft. dance floor, colored skyline backdrop, projection TV monitors, superb sound system, and open seating at cozy 18" wide tables that allow close-up viewing of all the competitions. Details at www.dallasdance.com.

September 10
9th annual Freedom Run & Festival will be staged in the Dallas City Hall Plaza. The Attacks of September 11, 2001 were intended to divide our country through fear and intimidation. The Freedom Run not only pays tribute to the victims and heroes of that fateful day, but also to boldly declare that our nation is even stronger today. Our response is LET FREEDOM RUN. Bring the whole family and celebrate Freedom together! Dallas Police Department will have S.W.A.T. vehicles, police horses, fire truck and police officers on hand distributing identification kits for children. Details @ www.thefreedomrun.com.

September 11
Texas Publisher's Association is hosting the **Black Publisher's Luncheon** at the Courtyard Marriott - 2383 Stemmons Trail, Dallas Northwest Highway at Stemmons and I35E at 12:00 noon. The Honorable Senator Roy West is the speaker for the occasion.

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Mayor Tom Leppert to host 14th Annual Mayors Back To School Fair Thursday, August 5, At Fair Park



(NDG Wire) With summer ending soon, students and parents can get ready for school at the 14th annual Mayor's Back To School Fair, presented by Walmart and Sam's Club, on Thursday, August 5, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Automobile and Centennial Buildings at Fair Park (3929 Grand Ave., Dallas, TX 75210). For details, go to mayorsbacktoschoolfair.com or call 3-1-1.

Families are strongly encouraged to pre-register by mail or in person now through July 31 to guarantee receipt of school supplies the day of the Fair, to avoid standing in long lines and to have more time to take advantage of the Fair's array of services and activities. Students who sign up and qualify for school supplies at the July 30 – 31 pre-registration events will receive

a Dallas Cowboys/University of Phoenix backpack. (See schedule below for pre-registration locations and times.)

"The Back To School Fair is a fun way to get your child excited to return to school. The entire community has come together to offer every kind of resource possible to equip Dallas schoolchildren for success," said Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert. "We greatly appreciate the overwhelmingly generous support of our donors, nonprofit partners and media sponsors in making this day possible."

A one-stop shop for all education essentials, the Mayor's Back To School Fair will provide school supplies to students who meet specific eligibility requirements and the latest information on education, health and social services for parents and children. Other highlights include musical entertainment, kids activities, games and interactive demos and booths.

To qualify, families must bring a photo ID, proof of residency and proof of income to pre-registration events and/or the Fair. Pic-

ture ID includes state driver's license, state identification card, military identification card, or foreign consulate-issued identification (i.e. Matrícula Consular). City of Dallas proof of residency includes June, July or

on agency or company letterhead from an employer, welfare office, caseworker, or Social Security Administration Office indicating annual income and signed by an agent of the company or agency. Letter must include

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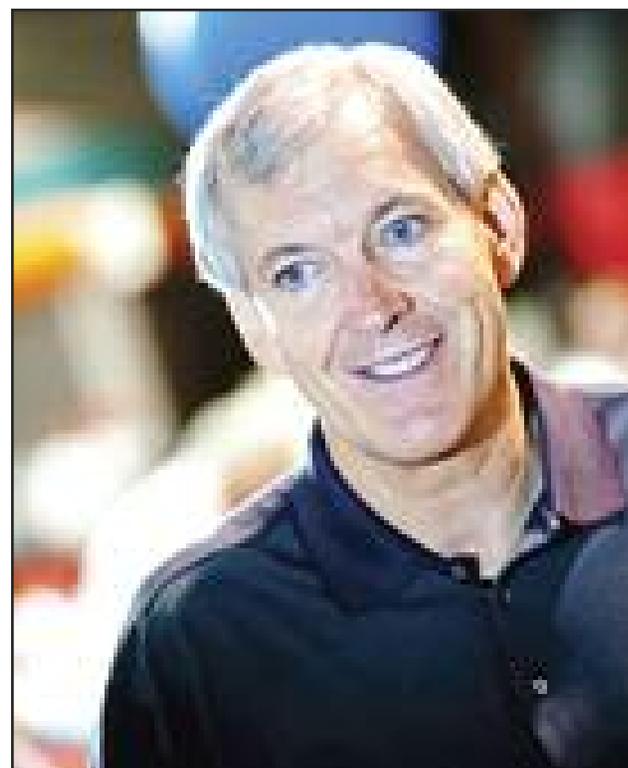
August 2010 utility bill (electricity, water, phone or gas) showing applicant name and current address or letter from landlord or apartment management company, on company letterhead, indicating proof of residency during June, July or August 2010.

Proof of Income may be verified using paycheck stubs from June, July or August 2010 or a letter dated in June, July or August 2010

contact phone number for verification.

At the Mayor's Back To School Fair, Walmart will conduct free vision screenings for school-aged children and offer general health screenings, including blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings.

The Baylor School of Dentistry and All Smiles Dental and Orthodontics together will provide free dental screenings, fluoride ap-



plications, oral health information, plus free toothbrushes and toothpaste to students. Dallas County Health and Human Services will provide free immunizations. NOTE: Families are encouraged to bring immunization records to the Fair for quicker servicing. And because children want to look sharp the first day of school, Cedric B's Barber and Beauty Salon and Ogle School of Hair and Nails will be at the Fair giving free haircuts.

Community resource booths throughout the Fair will feature information on fire safety, parenting, health and nutrition, college-access programs and more. Junior League of Dallas will sponsor the Book Nook and Storytime, where Mayor Lep-

pert and other members of the community will take a turn to read a book out loud. Half Price Books will donate 9,000 books and will give a free book to each student who listens to a story.

Focusing on helping students with many of their school-related needs, the Mayor's Back To School Fair is a collaborative effort between the City of Dallas, Dallas area schools, state agencies, non-profits, corporations and volunteers.

The Mayor's Back To School Fair is free and open to the public. Parking is also free. Check-in for participants will be at the Centennial Building. For more information, call the City of Dallas information line at 3-1-1 or go to mayorsbacktoschoolfair.com.



IMPORTANT: *Although the Fair's activities and services are free and open to anyone, the free school supplies are available only to public-school students ages 5-18 who reside in the City of Dallas or attend Dallas ISD schools and meet the 2010 Federal Poverty Income guidelines.*

UniverSoul Circus returning to Dallas

(NDG Wire) UniverSoul Circus announces it will play Dallas, Texas beginning August 3rd through August 8th. The show invites fans of all ages to take a "daycation" and "Let Some Fun Shine In" this summer as it debuts an all-new show WE PLAY TOO MUCH...! for a limited run

at Southwest Center Mall.

Now in its 17th season, UniverSoul Circus sets the stage where generations of family can come together and enjoy each other dancing in the aisles and singing their hearts out. UniverSoul's diverse cast of talented performers continues to inspire and delight fans

with performances by world class acts like the Shanghai aerialists performing a synchronized aerial dance never seen before in the United States; the hottest high-flying stunt basketball players from Europe; an entourage of South and Central American dare devils that push boundaries with

their fearless high wire number; and a furious yet loveable tiger act.

Another notable act this year is "The Russian Dog Whisperer," Irina Markova and her amazing canine companions, who starred in this year's Sundance Film Festival, short documentary selectee aptly named "The

Poodle Trainer" featuring Markova and her extended family of 14 poodles.

The UniverSoul Circus will be held at the Southwest Center Mall located at 3662 W. Camp Wisdom in Dallas. Tickets start at \$10.00. Discount available for groups over 20 by calling 817-253-9750. Children

under 2 are FREE. All tickets available by Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000.

Visit www.universoulcircus.com for show times, schedules, and directions. Also follow them on www.facebook.com/universoulcircus or www.twitter.com/usoulcircus.

PBS to Broadcast Aretha Franklin Presents Soul Rewind

(NDG Wire) TJL announced last week that PBS will broadcast *Aretha Franklin Presents Soul Rewind* throughout the August and September pledge periods. Hosted by the Queen of Soul herself, the special offers an abundance of long-lost archival material

that has been recovered from film vaults across the United States, England, Germany and France – yielding a treasure trove of precious and vital footage.

Prolific producer TJ Lubinsky's latest installment of PBS' popular "My Music" series represents the culmination

of many years of research and planning that has led to the assemblage of the most comprehensive collection of rare performances by legendary R&B artists from the classic 1960s-1970s soul era culled from non-American TV sources in Germany, Japan and the UK.

Highlights include *Respect* by Aretha Franklin, *Stand By Me* by Ben E. King, *When A Man Loves A Woman* by Percy Sledge, *Dancing In The Street* by Martha & The Vandellas, *You Really Got A Hold On Me* by The Miracles, *Knock On Wood* by Eddie Floyd and many others

from rare performances seen only overseas – until now.

Notes Lubinsky, "Being able to see the original artists perform their original hits in their prime from foreign countries is nothing less than mind-boggling. What a thrill it is to return to the roots and soul of American popular

music in the '60s – and to have these personal memories presented by the royalty of Aretha Franklin is such a tremendous honor."

Aretha Franklin Presents Soul Rewind premieres July 31 on PBS and airs through September; check local listings for stations and times.

The Best of Soul Train DVD set is a must have for fans

(NDG Wire) Time Life commemorates the 40th Anniversary of Soul Train with "The Best of Soul Train" 3-DVD boxed set hitting retail August 31 for the very first time, in celebration of the culturally significant American institution that became a national launch pad for showcasing the latest names in Soul music, outrageous fashion and hip dances - making Soul music a mainstream global genre.

the heart of the '70's as well as favorite moments from the Soul Train Dance Line to the beloved Soul Train Scramble Board. Also included are on-air interviews with the artists, classic Soul Train dancers, and some vintage commercials for Ultra Sheen and Afro Sheen products.

This special collection features the best moments from several original Soul Train episodes totaling 50 songs and performances, with more than three hours of

bonus material including exclusive interviews with Don Cornelius, Smokey Robinson, Jody Watley and others.

"Time Life is proud to bring back one of the most enduring and culturally relevant shows in television history with "The Best of Soul Train" says Michael Mitchell, Time Life VP, Marketing/Strategic Partnerships. "Soul Train was 'must see' television in black households across America in the 70's and it also had strong

crossover appeal. Soul Train fans have been waiting for years to re-live this exciting time!"

Soul Train founder, Don Cornelius says, "We're extremely proud of Soul Train's innovative history and

legacy, and we look forward to sharing this with multiple

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NTTA Provides \$200 Million to Advance Transportation Projects in North Texas

(NDG Wire) North Texas region will have \$200 million more for road projects when the North Texas Tollway Authority presents a check to the Regional Transportation Council for the right to develop, operate and own State Highway

161 (President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension) in Dallas County. The \$200 million will be used at the discretion of the RTC to advance additional transportation projects across North Texas.

"We are pleased to con-

tribute to improved mobility by advancing SH 161 and numerous other mobility projects through this upfront payment," said NTTA Board Chairman Paul N. Wageman. "When combined with the upfront payment for the Sam Rayburn

Tollway, the NTTA has provided nearly \$3.5 billion to advance non-tolled road projects in North Texas."

"The NTTA has maintained A-level credit ratings while significantly increasing its debt to finance these projects and upfront pay-

ments. As the region's toll provider, it is our mission to prudently deliver as many projects as we can in a financially responsible manner," Wageman said.

SH 161 is an 11.5-mile tollway extending through the cities of Irving and

Grand Prairie from SH 183 to I-20. In April 2008, the Texas Department of Transportation and the NTTA agreed on an upfront payment based on the toll revenue the project is expected to generate over 52 years.

Nothing Beats a Failure But a Try

BY FARRAH GRAY

(NNPA) How do winners win? How did they do it? How did they get where they did? Certainly not by complaining about their lot in life, or by crying about how tough life was or about the conditions they faced. They just went out and did it. And in so doing, they were successful.

One of the most telling

things about chronic whiners, who complain about their woes so much so that they tend to sap the energy of others, who are trying to get on with their lives. When one of these habitual whiners leaves, you can almost hear a collective sigh of relief from the others in the area! Another trait one sees in people who find it hard to succeed is that they

have an excuse for their lack of productivity. Whiners make excuses why they weren't able to do something; winners just get on with it and finish the job!

In every aspect of life and in every career path, there will be hurdles and pitfalls to overcome. Even the best will knock over a hurdle or fall into a pit occasionally. Also we all have

our downward spiral days, days on which things are just getting too much for us. It is these days that we have to have the fortitude to get through. The fixation should be on the goal, not on the troubled path we walk on.

To get on with it and get where we want to be demands the right attitude. And this is something we

cannot switch on and off at will. Attitudes need to be good all the time and this entails some degree of persistence!

Attitudes are your filtering mechanism for every-

thing that affects you directly or indirectly. How you see the world around you and the world within is what is important. There is

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industry on lobbying Washington. That expenditure translates into \$1.4 million a day and includes 1,726 registered federal lobbyists paid to woo 100 U.S. Senators and 455 Members of Congress.

But in the end, little David's people won – the everyday people who know what it means to be snookered financially – and gained a valuable governmental entity to fight predatory lending's multiple forms.

Commenting on the new law, President Obama said, "The Wall Street reform bill represents the strongest consumer financial protections in history. You have a stake in it if you've ever been treated unfairly by a credit card company, misled by pages and pages of fine print or ended up paying fees and penalties you've never heard of before."

Speaking on behalf of the Center for Responsible Lending, President Mike Calhoun said,

"The current economic meltdown has been a nightmare for American families and a recurrence would be a disaster for our nation. The

recently passed financial reform legislation puts in place key reforms that help create a brighter future, one in which our financial system flourishes. People will get loans they can afford to repay, and principles of fairness and value in financial products will trump easy money and self-enrichment."

A few examples of the news protections are: Landmark consumer protection – An independent agency will be authorized to prevent the tricks and traps related to mortgages, payday loans and checking accounts. Credit cards and mortgages will offer terms in language easily understood; predatory lending will be prohibited; and banks will not be able to charge businesses hefty fees for debit-card purchases, among other consumer protections we expect the agency to put into place. Office of Minority and

Women Inclusion – This new office will ensure equal employment opportunity and racial, ethnic and gender diversity. It will also work to increase the participation of minority-owned and women-owned busi-

nesses in the programs and contracts of each agency; and develop standards within each agency to assess diversity policies and practices in each federal financial agency, the 12 regional banks of the Federal Reserve, and the Fed Board of Governors.

Mortgage reforms – Kickbacks for steering consumers into high rate loans when they qualify for lower rates will be banned. The legislation explicitly prohibits abusive loan fees and penalties for prepaying your loan early. And for the first time for all loans, lenders will no longer make loans that borrowers cannot repay.

Preventing taxpayer bailouts – Your hard-earned money will not be used to rescue companies that engaged in risky practices. With this legislation, one regulator will be in charge of watching for emerging threats to the nation's entire financial system. It also gives government the authority to step in and safely shut down any failing financial firm.

Now would be an appropriate time to offer appreciation to all of the fed-

eral legislators who supported huge forward stride. If you need to know how your own legislators voted on this bill, the respective roll call votes are available on the Internet.

To review the House of Representatives June 30 vote, visit: <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2010/roll412.xml> The results of the July 15 Senate vote are available at: senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm congress=111&session=2&vote=00206

Remember that it was a vigilant coalition of concern that refused to give up on reforming the myriad ills of abusive lending. In the months ahead, the focus will shift to implementation of the bill's provisions. But for now, we have a great example of how ours really is a participatory democracy. This time, the people won!

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generations to come. "The Best of Soul Train" offers a rare, insiders view of the golden era of Soul, marking a classic time and place which can never be duplicated. As always - Love, Peace and Soul!"

Soul Train Holdings CEO, Kenard Gibbs comments: "We are thrilled to partner with Time Life to make this unparalleled collection of soul music performances available for the first time on DVD.

Don Cornelius' vision

and devotion to soul music will forever inspire and captivate music lovers for many generations.

We wanted to share this music filled collection of memorable performances and message of LOVE, Peace and Soul with the world."

If viewers didn't experience the magic the first time around, iconic moments that fans can look forward to include extraordinary footage and performances, such as:

• Smokey Robinson

and Aretha Franklin singing a duet on Smokey's hit "Ooo Baby Baby" with Aretha playing the piano. The two also reminisce about growing up as friends in Detroit

• Sly & The Family Stone performing two of their classics - *I Wanna Take You Higher* and *Dance To The Music*.

• Stevie Wonder performing three of his monster hits live in a phenomenal, intimate medley - *I Wish, My Cherie Amour* and *Sir Duke*.

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Reid promises Black Farmers a vote on settlement

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Following a mid-day meeting between Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and with John Boyd Jr., president of the National Black Farmers Association, a promise has been made that the \$1.15 billion settlement will come up for a vote. Boyd has sent emails indicating he was assured by Sen. Reid the settlement, which was passed by the House earlier this year, will be included as a part of the bill proposed

to expand Medicare benefits to the small-business loan.

The settlement is designed to resolve the discrimination charges by the black farmers against the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The challenges facing the bill are concerns regarding the deficit.

Although Boyd has challenged Republicans saying, "A vote against the bill is a vote against the black farmers," gaining Republican support is a long-shot.

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here."

Bedden understands the challenges of leading a district where more than half of its students come from economically disadvantaged homes. Richmond County School District consisted of a student body where 67 percent of its students were economically disadvantaged.

Under Bedden's leadership Richmond County's graduation rate improved from 64 percent to 76 percent and most recently 74 percent of Richmond County schools met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), a yearly report to show the progress schools and districts are making toward the goal of having all students reach proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by the year 2014.

Bedden expressed his goal to increase the current graduation rate for IISD from 84 percent to 90 percent by the end of his three year contract. He hopes to accomplish this goal by applying some of the same initiatives he implemented in the Richmond County School District.

"I want to challenge the staff to think outside of the box in how we deliver educational opportunities. It is important that we recognize not only the economic challenges facing our students, but that we understand and recognize not all students learn alike, especially stu-

dents that come from diverse backgrounds. Changing the dynamics on how we approach teaching is one of the things we have to address in meeting the needs of a diverse population, advises Bedden."

Some parents and IISD faculty members have expressed some concerns with not having a Hispanic Superintendent.

Many feel the leadership within the District is non-reflective of its diverse student body. Within IISD, 31 percent of minorities hold professional positions with an over 70 percent minority student population.

"Dr. Bedden is a great communicator. He has the ability to be fair and communicate with concern and I believe having that strong skill crosses all ethnic lines," states Dr. James Whitson, Deputy Superintendent of Richmond County.

Bedden has already taken steps in addressing the issue of minorities having more leadership roles within IISD. Under his direction, the school board recently passed the rewriting of the job description for a position that was held by a Latino District staff member to Special Assistant to the Superintendent. By the restructuring and rewriting the job duties/description, it changed the status of this employee to a senior-level staff member.

"Recruitment, Retention,

and Development are three critical components we will focus on with respect to our staffing strategies. Finding the best candidate for the position regardless of race is the ultimate goal.

Diversity beyond race is also an important factor and having a staff that is also diverse in gender, as well as promoting/hiring both internally and externally will be equally as important to me when looking at ways to increase diversity among the staff," explains Bedden.

Following the footsteps of long-time IISD Superintendent, Jack Singley who passed away in October 2009, will also be one of the pressures Bedden will face. Singley served IISD for 44 years and 21 years as Superintendent.

"The legacy I hope to add to the IISD is that I made it better than what it was when I came. It is my hope to make a good District better," states Bedden.

Some of the ways he will do to make IISD better is strengthening the curriculum particularly at the secondary level (middle and high school); strengthening workforce development by creating a strong partnership with the business community in the effort to create workforce opportunities for the Junior and Senior students; better define the support and participation needed from parents via hosting collaborative dis-

cussions with the parents, as well as utilizing technology to better communicate and inform parents.

Another important issue that is plaguing many schools in America is childhood obesity.

Bedden's goal to address this national issue is to have not only healthy menus

within the District, but encouraging the staff to model good nutrition among their students.

"We must model nutrition as a team. I want the staff to set the example and because this issue is important we will work hard to ensure we are making good decisions as it relates to nutri-

tion for both our staff and students."

Bedden has been married to his wife, Ava for six years and have three children. Bedden's stepson resides in the D.C. area and he comes to Texas with his wife and two children. Both children will be attending schools within IISD.

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Unemployed Texans Will be Paid Benefits for Past Weeks

Long-term unemployed will be eligible for additional weeks of benefits

(NDG Wire) The deadline for jobless Texans to qualify for emergency unemployment benefits has been extended to the week of November 27, 2010. Congress passed HR 4213, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010, on Thursday setting this new filing deadline which allows

long-term claimants to continue receiving unemployment benefits. President Barack Obama signed the bill shortly after it was passed.

Approximately 150,000 unemployment claimants in Texas had exhausted all available benefits due to the previous deadline. The Texas Workforce Commission

(TWC) has been advising claimants to continue requesting payment, so they now can receive payment for weeks since the last expiration date.

Claimants who are eligible for the federally funded extensions will receive statements from TWC with their new benefit amounts. TWC

expects to begin sending payments to claimants in seven to 10 days. Claimants should continue to request unemployment benefit payments on their scheduled day.

Claimants can find updated information on their claims at <http://ui.texasworkforce.org>, or by calling UI Tele-Serv at 1-800-558-8321

and pressing option 2. There is no need to call TWC to qualify for this extension unless claimants receive a letter telling them to call.

Emergency unemployment benefits are entirely federally funded, so Texas employers will not be charged for any claims paid on this extension.

TWC and the 28 local workforce development boards remain committed to providing work search assistance, training and other services to unemployed Texans. Thousands of job postings are available on WorkInTexas.com, TWC's online, job-matching Web site.

Dallas Bar Association holds legal advice clinics to serve area veterans

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Bar Association, in conjunction with the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, will hold a free legal advice clinic for area veterans on Friday, August 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the VA North Texas Health Care System (4500 South Lancaster Road, Dallas, TX 75216).

Volunteer attorneys will provide legal advice on is-

sues including family law, wills and probate, consumer issues, landlord/tenant law, tax issues, bankruptcy and foreclosures. The clinic is open to any veteran or spouse of a deceased veteran free of charge. Veterans who need further legal representation may be referred to an attorney volunteer who will take the case on a pro bono basis (or a legal services provider). No

appointment is necessary.

The Dallas Bar Association's legal advice clinic is part of the statewide Texas Lawyers for Veterans (TLTV) initiative, a program begun by the State Bar of Texas to ensure that organized legal clinics exist throughout the state to specifically assist military veterans who cannot afford or do not have access to basic legal services. To

learn more about TLTV, visit www.texasbar.com/veterans.

The Dallas Bar Association has additional veterans legal clinics planned for the first Friday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the VA North Texas Health Care System (4500 South Lancaster Road, Dallas, TX 75216).

For more information, contact the Dallas Volunteer

Attorney Program at 214-742-5768 or log on to www.dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org.

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too much going on to be sure that everything is going to go your way every time, and this because you are not in control. What is important is how you view these happenings and how you feel about them. Because these will help you to deal with the downs as well as the ups!

Building a positive attitude will make you happier, more successful and collect happier and more positive people around you. Doing this may seem difficult, but these pointers may be of use.

The best way to distract yourself from your own personal and mind-swamping problems is to plunge into helping others with theirs. People are always ready to accept a helping hand, and as you begin to help them, you will find that your own problems recede into the background.

Often, in the course of your helping you will find a solution to your own tribu-

lations! Selflessness is always rewarded by untold peace of mind! Have Happy Goals! Look forward for something good that you expect to happen!

It could be anything, a letter from a friend, winning a lottery, meeting an old flame, a college reunion, anything, just the anticipation of something exciting can trigger a release of adrenaline that will bring the glint back into your eyes!

Being in a pleasurable state of excitement will spur you to view the task you have before you with winning confidence!

Sometimes taking a step back or going onto an off-planet mode is not enough, especially if you are deeply affected by the problem. The best thing to do in this case is to go away and chill!

I don't mean you drop everything and run away from your problems, nothing could be more fatal!

No, what I mean is that

get up, go out for a walk or a drive to blow away the cobwebs in your mind so that you can mull over the problem and come up with an innovative solution to the problem.

Remember that failure

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God Knows From the End to the Beginning

“And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. *Judges 6:12 (KJV)*

God always looks at Christians for what they will be, not what they are now. When reading the story of Gideon in Judges we learn that God already knew that Gideon would be a leader, not just a laborer who threshed wheat.

Gideon was an Israelite who lived during a time of oppression from the Midianites. God had allowed Israel to be oppressed because of its rebellion. However, the Israelites cried out to God, and He heard their cry for help. He decided to free them from the oppression of their enemies. God chose a man with little experience in such matters to lead an army against Midian.

In following God's command, Gideon, with only 300 men, delivered Israel from an army of more than 100,000. God demonstrated His power through one man who was willing to let God use what little faith he had to free a nation from oppression and bring glory to the God of Israel.

Apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. *Philippians 4:13 (KJV)*. God has reserved an inheritance for all Christians. He has foreordained that we should accomplish great things in His name—not so that we will be accepted or become more valued, but to experience the reality of a living relationship with a God who wants to demonstrate His power through each of us.

God knew that Christians would mess up at some point in their lives and He, as my daughter, Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott, likes to state, built in the way of escape for each Christian.

In June when I attended my maternal side family reunion, I was sitting under the tabernacle with my uncle, Charlie Baker, the caretaker of the Baker's Family Farm, and other family members, we were talking and remembering past reunions; I looked up and saw a cow walking alone coming toward us, which is unusual because it wasn't time for the cows to gather to be put in the barn for the evening, I asked Uncle Charlie why the cow was walking alone, he looked up and said that earlier in the morning the cow had left her calf to get some

sun and sleep and she was now following her trail to find where she had left her calf.

Uncle Charlie walked over where the calf was and called the cow, telling her where to find the calf more easily. The cow went straight to Uncle Charlie retrieved her calf and they quickly join the other cows and calves on another part of the farm.

I thought about how Christians sometimes forget to live according to God's rules and temporarily get off track, all that is needed is for them to retrace their steps go back to where they got off, get back on track and follow the path that God has for them because He created them and He knows from the end of their lives to the beginning of them.

Perhaps the reason that some Christians get off track is because they had some expectation in their lives that did not get fulfill, maybe they were trusting God for something in their life that did not materialized fast enough. Perhaps they became devastated by an unmet expectation that they felt that they were entitled to.

Expectations, especially high expectations, can be a difficult trap for Christians if they are not fully commit-

ted to God's purposes in their lives and allow God to guide them.

Apostle Paul had an expectation that his life would bring glory to God, whether through his continued ministry or his death. His joy in living was not based on his expectations getting fulfilled, but on remaining true to the purpose for which God made him.

When Christians react to circumstances with bitterness and resentment as a result of them forgetting that God knows from the end of their lives to the beginning of them and unmet expectations, they are saying that they know better than God and that God has probable made a mistake.

The process then is for the Christians to go to God in prayer and resolve the issue of not fully believing God. Christians can feel free to share their feelings with God. What Christians need to remember is that God knew they would be at this place in their lives and He had already made allowances for this, a way of escape. However, once they have done this, failing to fully trust God, they must let go of the situation and allow God to work in their hearts the grace that is needed to walk in complete trust and freedom.



The cow followed her trail back to where she left her calf; she then got back on track of showing her calf how to graze and find the rest of the herd.

Dive-in movie night in Frisco

Don't miss the last Dive-In Movie night of the 2010 summer season this Friday, July 30 at the Frisco Athletic Center Outdoor Aquatic Center.

The movie is Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. Sit back and relax with the family as you watch the big screen while lying pool side or staying cool in the pool.

Gates open at 8 p.m. with the movie beginning at sunset. Concessions will be available for purchase (cash

only). All the Outdoor Aquatic Center water features will be on until the movie begins.

Tickets are still available, and may be purchased at the Frisco Athletic Center located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane. A limited number of tickets are available. Admission is \$7 per person, or purchase five or more tickets at one time for \$6 each.

For information, email Kari FitzPatrick at KFitzPatrick@FriscoTexas.gov.



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court.
 "I am passionate about the job the citizens elected me to do, and that is to pursue justice," said Watkins. "In order to successfully prosecute cases, at a minimum we must maintain all the currently-funded positions. We are already working 68 people short and operating on a budget that is smaller than our neighbors at the Tarrant County DA's office even though the Dallas County DA's office handles a larger volume of cases than Tarrant County. If we are forced to cut beyond what we can afford to

sacrifice, there will be some victims who will not get justice because we will not have enough prosecutors and investigators to handle all of the cases filed with our office. I cannot make it any simpler than that and I am going to do everything I can to prevent that tragedy from happening."

The Dallas Morning News article early this week points out that Dallas County's current budget for the district attorney's office is \$32 million, while the Tarrant County district attorney's budget is \$33 million. Dallas County has a

population of 2.5 million and Tarrant County has a population of 1.6 million.

In addition to the current level of funding, District Attorney Watkins is also seeking resources to combat the growing issue of property crimes within the city of Dallas. According to a recent *Dallas Morning News* article, Dallas Police Chief David Brown said 88 percent of the crimes committed in Dallas are property crimes. The Dallas Police Department reports that between January 1 and June 30, 2010, there have been 32,310 non-violent crimes.

The DA's office has an impact offender program which specifically targets career offenders who commit multiple offenses, such as burglary and robbery, and are nuisances to the community. These are offenders who have been through the criminal justice system numerous times and have had several chances at rehabilitation and reform, yet they continue to prey on the community every time they are released back into the community. Under the District Attorney's program, impact offender cases are expedited to trial within

60 days of the DA's office accepting the case.

"A new specialized court for repeat property crime offenders would make a huge difference in our joint efforts with police to get these criminals off the streets and keep them off the streets for at least a few

years, making them think twice about the consequences of breaking into your home, business or vehicle. However, without the proper funding and resources the DA's office cannot protect the community from these career criminals."

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 Celebrating 13 Years

2010 Theme:
 Unparalleled Praise
 Uncompromising Preaching
 Unwavering Teaching

Worship Times: 8 and 11 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Mid-week: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
 Children's and Youth Worship
 Service: Every 3rd, 4th, and 5th, Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
 AWANA: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
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New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

Sunday Service
 Morning Worship
 7:30 am & 10:30 am
 9:00 am Sunday School

Monday Service
 Men's Ministry 7:00 pm
 Women's Ministry 7:00 pm
 Young Adult Ministry 7:00 pm

Wednesday Service
 Intercessory Prayer 6:15 pm
 Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Charles S. Wattley
 Senior Pastor

SUNDAY
 Education Ministries
 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Celebration
 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
 Family Ministries
 7:00 p.m.

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