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Parents will see more items included in sales tax holiday

BY SEN. ROYCE WEST

With the Summer break winding down and the start of school just weeks away, Texas shoppers and parents can once again look to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. Since 2002, parents have been able to purchase

school clothes and other items including footwear, free of sales tax charges - a nice break during back-to-school shopping, particularly for families with more than one child.

There'll be two notable changes in this year's sales

tax holiday. Legislation passed last year moved the annual event back a few weeks to the third weekend, August 20 - 22, to more closely align with the August 23 start of classes for most Texas schools. In previous

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Bill White takes Black vote for granted

(NDG Wire) It could be more heat than former Houston mayor Bill White expected in his bid for governor.

The latest fallout is this scathing article written by Akwasi Evans of the Nokoa Newspaper in Austin.

He writes White has snubbed President Barack

Obama's visit to Texas while taking the African American community for granted.

It reads both Governor Rick Perry and White are corporate candidates with only peripheral concern for the people they are sworn to govern.

But, this year voters have something other than

twiddle-dee and twiddle-dumb to consider.

Senator Rodney Ellis spoke with FOX for the White campaign.

He says the former mayor is a friend to the community and chose to miss President Obama's visit to focus on Bill White.

"His challenge is to go out and make sure people

know him....he's not running for President of the United States," Ellis says.

But here's the bigger problem for White.

While this article is written by only one newspaper publisher - there's a chance it could be in a long list of African American newspapers around the

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Authentic Southern "Food and Music for the Soul" comes to Addison

(NDG Wire) Buttons Restaurant, an upscale southern-chic restaurant and live music venue featuring the award-winning cuisines of Chef Keith "Buttons" Hicks, recently announced a September 2010 opening of its second

DFW location. This Fort Worth favorite will soon expand its flavorful and robust "food and music for the soul" to the eclectic space previously occupied by Sambuca Restaurant 15207 Addison Road in Addison.

Buttons Restaurant is built upon the idea that food and music are universal. With a warm and welcoming atmosphere, guests can comfortably savor tantalizing southern-cuisines,

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Chef Keith "Buttons" Hicks

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Black farmers dealt another blow

BY ZENITHA PRINCE

(NNPA) Black farmers were again denied a \$1.25 billion settlement in a racial bias case against the federal government, when Senate Republicans on August 5 failed to support a unanimous consent on the measure. With Congress now in recess, those farmers have been put on hold again after waiting for more than a decade.

"The Black farmers simply do not have time to

waste waiting for justice," said John Boyd Jr., founder and president of the National Black Farmers Association, in a statement promising to continue agitating "every day until Congress acts."

While the House has twice approved the bill, the Senate has proven slower to act. The money is the second round of funds dispersed from the

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Jonathan Mayes

Safeway Inc. recently announced that it has appointed 16-year veteran Jonathan Mayes to Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Public Affairs, Corporate Social Responsibility and Philanthropy.

Jonathan is an exceptional leader and has successfully represented the company and its stakeholders in his role as our key Government Affairs person, said Larree Renda, Execu-

tive Vice President, Chief Strategist and Administrative Officer. Certainly he will bring the same level of excellence and commitment to these other functions that interact on a daily basis with our customers and communities.

Mayes, 52, joined Safeway in 1994 as a Senior Attorney focused on employment law, business litigation, and consumer protection matters. In 1996, he joined the company's Gov-

ernment Relations team as a director and was promoted to Vice President of that function in 1999. In 2008, Mayes was named Group Vice President of Government Relations in charge of the team of professionals that focus on local, state and federal government matters in the geographies in which Safeway operates in the United States and Canada.

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Before joining Safeway, Mayes was Senior Corporate Counsel for Lucky Stores, and an attorney at Donahue Gallagher Woods LLP. He is on the Executive Committee and Board of the California Grocers Association, and a member of the

Board of Directors of the California Retailers Association. He formerly has served as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Warner Pacific College; Chairman of the Board of Law Center For Families; President of the Charles Houston Bar Association; Chairman of the Food Marketing Institute Government Relations Committee; Chairman of the California Grocers Association Government Relations Committee; and board member of Bay Farm Community Church where he currently



serves as Music Director. Mayes received his Juris Doctorate degree from Willamette University College of Law, in Salem, Oregon.

Rosalyn Story

WADING HOME: A Novel of New Orleans, by Rosalyn Story (Agate, 978-1-932841-55-8, September 24, 2010, \$15.00) is a sweeping tale of a celebrated jazz trumpeter's search for his lost father through storm-torn New Orleans, by bestselling novelist Rosalyn Story. This search leads him on a winding trail of discovery that takes him deep into his family's history, both in New Orleans and in their ancestral home in rural

Louisiana, and allows him to slowly gain a deeper, richer understanding of the father with whom he'd been at odds, and of the city that nurtured them both. Set in post-Katrina New Orleans, against the backdrop of the city's jazz and culinary cultures, this second novel from Rosalyn Story is an absorbing, brilliantly crafted narrative that will keep readers gripped through its final pages.

As with Story's *More Than You Know* (which



earned her comparisons to James Baldwin), Agate Bolden is publishing *Wading Home* in order to pro-

vide readers with fiction by African-American writers that's engaging and accessible, but with more substance than the ordinary run of "sister-girlfriend" and "street lit" titles.

The story begins when chef and widower Simon Fortier plans to ride out Katrina inside his long-time home in the city's

Treme neighborhood, but after the city's levees fail, Simon disappears. His son, Julian, a star horn player struggling to recover from an injury-induced layoff, rushes home to search for Simon. Along the way, Julian is drawn deeper into his father's (and their family's) past, and closer once again to an old love. This is truly a tale for all readers—a great celebration of New Orleans, and a classic story of self-discovery that underscores the true meaning of home, family, and history.

After its late-September

publication date, Rosalyn Story will be kicking off a five-city tour in New Orleans, then going to Kansas City (her hometown), Houston, Austin, and Dallas, where she lives now. Story is a long-time writer for magazines such as *Essence*, *Emerge*, *American Visions*, *Opera News*, *Stagebill*, and the NAACP magazine *The Crisis*.

Story is a violinist with the Fort Worth Symphony, and the author of *And So I Sing*, a history of black opera divas. *Wading Home* will likely capture a huge audience of new readers.

Helena D. Gayle

Helene D. Gayle is president and CEO of CARE USA. An expert on health, global development and humanitarian issues, she spent 20 years with the Centers for Disease Control, working primarily on HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Gayle then worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, directing programs on HIV/AIDS and other global health issues.

With programs in over 60 countries, CARE helps people in poor communities expand the control they

have over their own lives to advance positive, enduring social change. CARE helps millions of people recover from natural disasters and other acute emergencies, prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, and gain access to health-care, nutrition,

education, economic opportunity, safe water and improved sanitation.

CARE advocates for policies that defend the dignity of all people and promote the eradication of poverty. Dr. Gayle's accomplishments in public health and dedication to social service make her ideally suited to lead CARE.

Dr. Gayle chairs the Obama Administration's Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, and serves on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

Named one of *Foreign Policy* magazine's "Top 100 Global Thinkers," *Newsweek's* top 10 "Women in Leadership" and the *Wall Street Journal's* "50 Women to Watch," as well as one of the "100 Most Influential Atlantans" and the "100 Most Influential Georgians," Dr. Gayle was fea-

tured on *The Non-Profit Times* 2010 Top 50 Power & Influence list.

An accomplished writer, Dr. Gayle has published numerous scientific articles and been featured by media outlets like the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *Woman*, *Glamour*, *O magazine*, National Public Radio and CNN.

Dr. Gayle was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. She earned a B.A. in psychology at Barnard College, an M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.P.H. from Johns Hopkins University.

Committed to community service, Dr. Gayle serves on several boards, including the Center for Strategic and International Studies, ONE, the Rockefeller Foundation, the American Museum of Natural History, Colgate-Palmolive Company and the

Institute of Medicine.

She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bretton Woods

Committee and the American Public Health Association.



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CRL advice to consumers: Say NO to high-cost overdraft

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
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As parents everywhere prepare for their children to return to school, spending for clothing, school supplies and equipment can mount up in a hurry. Amid the harried and hurried rush to get students ready for new school terms, one particular time-sensitive insert to bank statements may not receive a thoughtful review. Anyone who has an active checking account is affected.

Starting August 15 banks and credit unions will no longer be able to charge overdraft fees on debit card transactions unless consumers have chosen to specifically accept this kind of overdraft coverage.

In an effort to preserve these revenue-rich fees that generate nearly \$24 billion annually on an average charge of \$34 per transaction, financial institutions are aggressively using a

combination of mailers, telephone calls, web advertising, ATM screens and more. The marketing message is to 'hurry up and enroll'.

Wiser minds would advise consumers to 'slow down and read the fine print'.

The notion of lending institutions covering temporary account shortfalls for their customers is a deceptive one. Despite all the hype of convenience to customers, the reality is that in choosing overdraft coverage, consumers living paycheck to paycheck find that their actual disposable income has been significantly reduced. Moreover, multiple overdraft fees in a single billing cycle reduce the amount of funds actually available when a new deposit is made.

Further complicating the ability to determine actual account balances is the continued practice of re-

ordering transactions instead of applying them chronologically. Instead of deducting funds in the order received by the bank or credit union, larger transactions are typically applied ahead of smaller and earlier ones.

In short, overdraft fees are a financial boon to banks and credit unions but a budget-buster for consumers who keep slim balances in their accounts. These practices are the most painful for low-income, single and minority heads of household.

Although a study by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), found that one-fourth of all bank accounts become overdrawn over a year's time, only five percent are overdrawn 20 or more times per year. For this segment of consumers, the amount of money lost to overdraft fees exceeds \$1,600 a year.

FDIC's finding is con-

sistent with earlier research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) that found only 16 percent of accountholders bear 74 percent of all overdrafts. Additionally, CRL's independent consumer survey determined that most checking accountholders would prefer a debit card transaction to be declined rather than incur fees for overdraft.

To be fair, some banks have voluntarily begun to alter their own practices. Bank of America, the nation's largest debit card issuer, has now joined Citibank, USAA and ING Direct to help their customers by not allowing them to spend more than they have when using their debit card. This single change avoids costly overdraft fees.

As an organization pledged to building family

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1999 settlement of a class action lawsuit that claimed widespread discrimination in the government's award of loans to farmers. The suit is known as the Pigford case, after Timothy Pigford, a Black farmer from North Carolina who was an original plaintiff.

Roughly \$1 billion has been paid to about 16,000 farmers, with most getting payments of about \$50,000. The new money would go to an estimated 70,000 or 80,000 more farmers who were denied earlier payments because they missed deadlines for filing. The amount of money each would get depends on how many claims are successfully filed.

In his statement, Boyd outlined the long process farmers have faced in trying to claim the funds. "Seemingly obstacle after obstacle is placed before the Black farmers:

- When the case was settled, the farmers were told, 'Go to Congress;'

- When the House of Representatives passed the legislation, twice, the farmers were told, 'Go to the Senate;'

- When the Senate placed the funding in the FEMA supplemental, the farmers were told, 'Go find offsets;'

- When offsets were identified, the farmers were told, 'Those are not the 'right' offsets, go find others;'

- When the farmers were placed in a stand-alone measure, the farmers were told, 'You need 100% of the Senate to support it;'

- When the Senate placed the funding in the War supplemental, the farmers were told, 'Not on this bill;'

- When the Senate failed to pass several unanimous consent measures,

the farmers were told, 'Later.'"

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), introduced the Black farmers' case along with legislation to fund the \$3.4 billion class action settlement for Native Americans that suffered losses from mishandling of Indian Trust fund accounts at the Department of Interior. The legislation was introduced as a joint, stand-alone measure after appeals from the farmers who believed that righting such injustices should not be a "partisan" issue.

"But that's exactly what Republicans have made it by blocking the long overdue settlement of lawsuits for minority farmers and Native American trust account holders which is fully paid for ... for the sixth time this year."

He added, "I challenge my Republican colleagues to rise above their petty po-

litical calculations and think about those Americans who have suffered injustices for far too long."

Boyd said most of the objections, including that of Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, who questioned the compensation of lawyers involved in the case, seem directed toward the Native Americans' case and urged that Pigford be considered on its own.

"These cases deal with discrimination involving two separate government departments, two separate issues, and deal with very different groups of victims," Boyd said. "While they both deserve to be resolved immediately, there is no reason why the Black farmers need to wait for a resolution of disputes over [the Native American bill] within the Senate when we have broad support for the Black farmers settlement funding."

African-American children comprise a large and disproportionate share of total fire deaths nationwide

(NDG Wire) The International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (IABPFF) is preparing to launch the No Child Left Alone fire safety and

awareness campaign in time for Fire Prevention Week which takes place October 3-9, 2010. The campaign focuses on informing parents and caregivers of children about the perils of leaving children alone at home, as well as providing life-saving information to make their children fire-safe. The United States

Fire Administration (USFA) awarded a grant to the IABPFF to implement the No Child Left Alone campaign across the country and in cities where there are high African-American and Spanish-speaking populations.

Many families are being torn apart, because one simple rule is not followed: Never, ever leave children alone at home, said IABPFF President Joseph Muhammad. He adds, Leaving young children home alone, even for a few minutes, can have devastating conse-

quences. Any number of things can happen when a child is alone, including their playing with matches, accidentally bumping candles into curtains or even a cooking fire.

According to USFAs 2008 report, Fire Risk to Children in 2004, 38 percent of all children killed in home fires in the United States were African American. African-American families have a dual struggle with the disproportionate share of fire deaths: African-Americans as a race and African-Amer-

ican children both have a very high risk of fire death. Simple steps like never leaving children alone at home and teaching them what to do when a smoke alarm activates can mean the difference between life and death. Statistics compiled from reports by the USFA and the National Fire Protection Association underscore the significant fire risk posed to African-American and Spanish-speaking children:

- African-Americans face a risk of fire death almost twice that of an indi-

vidual of another race.

- Spanish-speaking children under the age of five-years-old comprised an average of 23 percent of all Spanish-speaking people killed in home fires in the United States from 2003 to 2007.

- More than half of all child fire deaths occur to children under five-years-old. These children are usually unable to escape from a fire by themselves.

- More than half of child-playing fires start in a bedroom.



Methodist Charlton Medical Center's Maternity Care ranks top 10% nationally again

(NDG Wire) An independent study issued by HealthGrades ranks Methodist Charlton Medical Center among the top 10% in the nation for maternity care for the fourth consecutive year.

For being in the top 10%, Methodist Charlton received the 2010/2011 HealthGrades Maternity Care Excellence Award™.

Methodist Charlton is one of only 10 hospitals in the state of Texas and 59 in the country to be ranked in the top 10% four years consecutively. Last year, over 2,100 babies were delivered

"We are truly honored to be recognized as one of the 10 best hospitals in the state of Texas for maternity care for four consecutive years" says Methodist Charlton President Jonathan S. Davis.

"Quality of care is our highest priority and I am

truly proud of our nursing staff and physicians for their commitment to excellence in taking care of our community."

"Our success is based upon a collaborative effort between the physicians and nurses in the development and implementation of quality care standards for perinatal and neonatal practices," says Nurse Manager Katy Wallner. Wallner adds that some of the hospital initiatives include closely monitoring care and outcomes; ad-

hering to infection prevention standards; and providing community education related to pre- and post-hospitalization care.

She says, "Our sincere approach in listening to our patients, keeping them informed and working together to determine a plan of care has lead to our ability to sustain outstanding quality outcomes and receiving this recognition from HealthGrades for four years in a row. Our staff and community can be proud of this

award."

Using objective patient-outcome data collected from state governments, the independent ratings organization ranked hospitals based on their maternal complication rates for vaginal and C-section deliveries, as well as neonatal mortality rates.

The study, which ranked hospitals as well as tracked trends in maternity care, found that top-rated hospitals had fewer complications than low-rated hospitals. Mothers at top-rated hospitals had, on

average, 51% fewer complications for vaginal deliveries and 74% fewer complications for C-sections compared with poorly-rated hospitals.

The study was conducted independently by HealthGrades and included all hospitals in the 19 states that provide data for analysis. The records of more than 1,500 hospitals were examined. Hospitals were evaluated using the following criteria:

Maternal complication rate among women undergo-

ing single live-born vaginal or C-section deliveries

- Maternal complication rate among women undergoing "patient-choice" or non-clinically indicated C-sections

- Newborn volume adjusted for low birth weight

- Newborn mortality rate stratified into eight birth weight categories

More information about Methodist Charlton maternity services can be found at: www.methodisthealthsystem.org/charltonwomens.

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District 4 residents invited to the Plano Neighborhood Roundtable

(NDG Wire) On Thursday, Aug. 26, the Plano Mayor and City Council will meet with residents for the annual District 4 Neighborhood Roundtable discussion. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the

Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow. The meeting focuses on District 4; however, all Plano residents are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served.

The agenda will be posted on www.plano.gov 72

hours prior to the meeting. Council will receive public comment and inquiry on items of interest not posted on the current agenda. Council and staff may respond to those items with only factual information or recitation of existing policy related to the inquiry or comment. No deliberation on matters brought forward can occur because those items have not been posted; however, the Council may decide to place items on a future agenda. The Mayor may limit speaking time to

provide sufficient time for all inquiries.

District 4 is bound on the north by Spring Creek Parkway, on the south by the City's limit, on the east by Alma Drive, and on the west by Coit Road (from Spring Creek Parkway to Parker Road) and Ohio Drive (from Parker Road to the City's southern limit). A district map is available at www.plano.gov/outreach under Council Roundtable.

Neighborhood Roundtables present information and

answer questions regarding city services and programs. As a working meeting, citizens help the City explore solutions to district concerns. Held quarterly, the Neighborhood Roundtable schedule rotates through Plano's four

districts to provide an opportunity for citizens to meet with Council members in the convenience of their home neighborhood.

Residents can receive email notifications of roundtable meetings, district-spe-

cific information, and city activities by signing up at www.plano.gov under "Email Updates."

For more Neighborhood Roundtable information, call 972-941-7747.

TWU awarded \$744,422 federal grant for weekend nursing program

(NDG Wire) Texas Woman's University will use \$744,422 in federal grant money to expand its weekend nursing program in Dallas.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded TWU the funds through the newly enacted Affordable Care Act of 2010 — the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Program.

The grant will help fund 80 new nursing students in the TWU Weekend Nursing Program over a three-year period.

"Our emphasis will be on recruitment of racial and ethnic minority students whose clinical experiences will be with underserved populations," said Dr. Susan Chaney, nursing professor and program director of the TWU weekend nursing program with Dr. Susan Sheriff, TWU nursing professor and project coordinator.

Offered through the TWU Dallas-Parkland Center, the TWU Weekend Baccalaureate Nursing Program combines weekend and on-line classes for individuals with non-nursing bachelor's degrees who want to earn a bachelor of science in nursing and become registered nurses. For more information, call (214) 689-6510 or visit www.twu.edu/nursing.

"Graduates of the TWU

weekend nursing program will improve health access, decrease health disparities within their selected communities and bolster the nursing workforce in the state of Texas," said Dr. Stephanie Woods, associate dean of the TWU College of Nursing in Dallas.

The HRSA is the primary

federal agency for improving access to health care services for individuals who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable. For more information, visit www.hrsa.gov.



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SMU Announces 2009-2010 Honor Roll

(NDG Wire) Five students from Plano were named to the Southern Methodist University undergraduate honor roll for the 2009-2010 school year.

Sarah Karimi, a resident of Plano and a sophomore at SMU in Dallas, is included on the honor roll for the 2009-2010 school year, which requires that a student be in the top 15 percent of their school of record.

Angeline Nguyen, a resident of Plano and a senior



at SMU in Dallas, is included on the honor roll with high distinction for the 2009-2010 school year, which requires that a student be in the top 5 percent of their school of record.

Virginia Norton, a resident of Plano and a junior at SMU in Dallas, is included on the honor roll with high distinction for the 2009-2010 school year, which requires that a student be in the top 5 percent of their school of record.

Jieun Park, a resident of Plano and a senior at SMU in Dallas, is included on the honor roll with distinction for the 2009-2010 school year, which requires that a student be in the top 10 per-

cent of their school of record.

Daniel Salta, a resident of Plano and a senior at SMU in Dallas, is included on the honor roll with distinction for the 2009-2010

school year, which requires that a student be in the top 10 percent of their school of record.

SMU's 2009-2010 enrollment included 11,832 undergraduate students. A

private university located in the heart of Dallas, SMU is building on the vision of its founders, who imagined a distinguished center for learning emerging from the spirit of the city.

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years, the tax holiday took place over the first weekend of August.

Last year's revisions will now also allow school supplies, including backpacks, to be purchased sales tax-free. Now add folders, binders, calculators, composition books, lunch boxes, markers and highlighters to the list of school-kid staples that can be bought without the added 8 cents.

School district's decisions to adopt standardized dress (uniform) policies has helped parents with the costs of schooling.

But remember, should kids have visions of sporting the latest editions of Air Jordan's or Kobe's Nike line on the first day, there'll be no tax break on items that cost more than \$100. And while some may be indifferent to a small savings of 8 cents on the dollar, the ledger will show many of the kids who attend school in Texas, including those from Dallas, Irving, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, Garland, and even Mesquite and Richardson come from families considered low-income by federal guidelines. So every bit of

savings helps.

Below is a listing of clothing items and school supplies that can be purchased free of sales tax charges from August 20-22.

Clothing

- Baby clothes
- Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students
- Belts with attached buckles
- Boots - cowboy, hiking
- Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- Coats and wraps
- Diapers - adult and baby
- Dresses
- Gloves (generally)
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
- Hosiery
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jerseys - baseball and football
- Jogging apparel
- Neckwear and ties
- Pajamas
- Pants and trousers
- Raincoats and ponchos
- Robes
- Shirts
- Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking

- Socks (including athletic)
- Shorts
- Suits, slacks, and jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweat suits
- Sweaters
- Swimsuits
- Underclothes
- Work clothes and uniforms

School Supplies

- Binders
- Book bags
- Calculators
- Cellophane tape
- Blackboard chalk
- Compasses
- Composition books
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Folders; expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila
- Glue, paste and paste sticks
- Highlighters
- Index cards
- Index card boxes
- Legal pads
- Lunch boxes
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Paper; loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper
- Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencils
- Pens
- Protractors
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Writing tablets

Southern Bible Institute starts Spanish outreach

SBI to provide Bible Courses in Spanish in the Fall 2010

(NDG Wire) Southern Bible Institute (SBI) is expanding its 83 year legacy of preparing individuals to be pastors, missionaries and church school teachers by starting a Spanish Outreach Program in its Fall 2010 semester on August 23, 2010. It will provide undergraduate classes in Spanish.

SBI will be offering biblical studies classes in Spanish. It will also offer literature and grammar composition in Spanish for students who feel more comfortable speaking in Spanish, but want to develop better communication and writing skills in English.


"These courses will allow people in ministry who are limited in the English lan-

guage to get sound biblical doctrine classes in their native language of Spanish. There is a need in the community for good quality bible teaching," said Juan Alejo, coordinator of the Southern Bible Institute Spanish Outreach Program. Alejo has been with SBI since 2007 teaching Greek and teaching English speaking students how to witness to Spanish speaking people.



"I am excited to be involved in starting up a program where Hispanics who are in ministry can learn more about the Bible and get a certificate or diploma from SBI."

For more information on the Spanish Outreach program and the entire SBI Fall Schedule visit www.southernbible.org e-mail jalejo@southernbible.org or call 972-224-5481.




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Congresswoman Johnson promotes putting Americans back to work

(NDG Wire) Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson along with Assistant Secretary of Labor, Jane Oates, gathered recently to discuss the importance of job training programs and how they can and will help put Americans

back to work.

The forum, which was held at the Southwest Workforce Center, brought together leaders from Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas, the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD),

Dallas One-Stop Optimized Reentry System (DOORS) and the private sector to discuss the plethora of services offered to help employers and job seekers.

"Americans want to work and I wanted to share with Assistant Secretary of Labor, Jane Oates, the success Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas was having helping battle unemployment," said Congresswoman Johnson.

Other community leaders who attended were: President of Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas, Laurie Larrea; Chairman of Workforce Solutions, Gilbert Gerst; Vice-Chairman of Workforce Solutions, Patrick Aulson; Executive Director of Dallas One-Stop Optimized Reentry Systems (DOORS), Edgar Michael Lee and Vice-Chancellor for Marketing & Go



From left to right: Vice-Chairman of the Board of Workforce Solutions, Patrick Aulson; Assistant Secretary of Labor, Jane Oates; Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson and Chairman of the Board of Workforce Solutions, Gilbert Gerst



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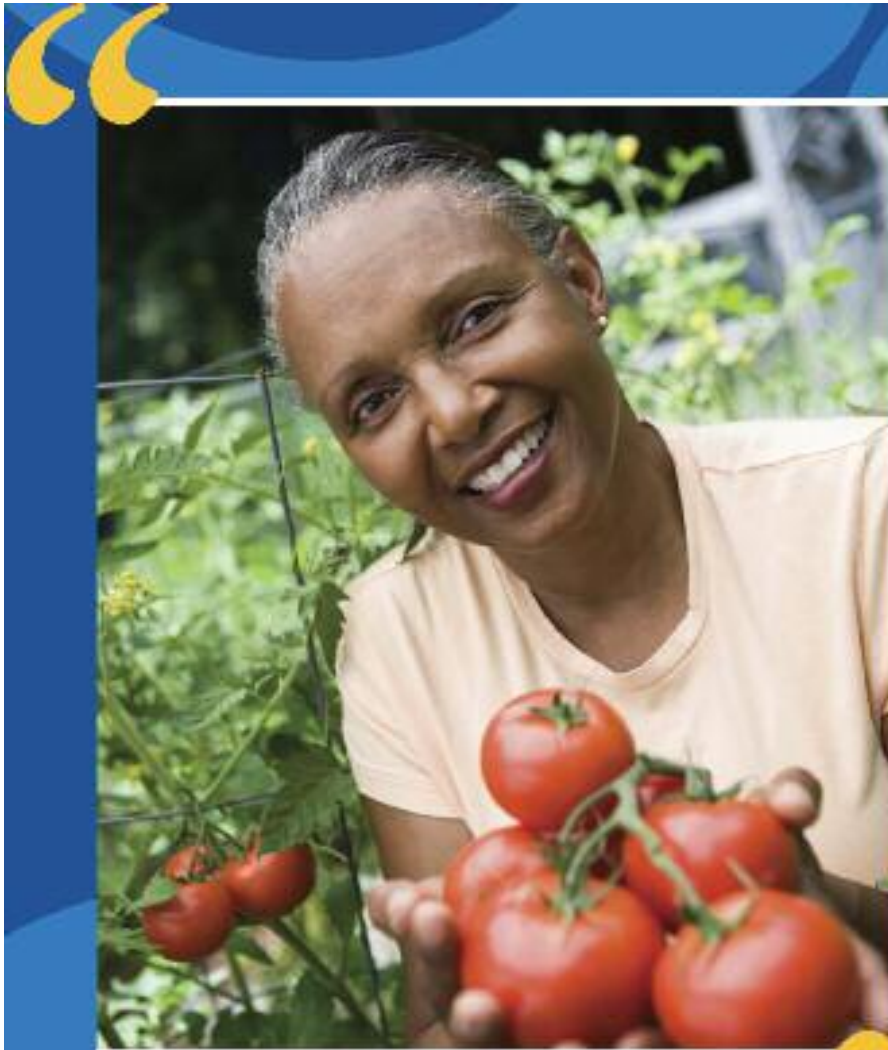
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The Irving Public Library invites families to enjoy stories and music in both English and Spanish. **Family bilingual storytimes** are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the East Branch Library, 440 S. Nursery Road, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Central 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, CCBCC 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 meeetup.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.TheNoLimitNetwork.com

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).

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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

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Thru November 7

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

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.

Entrepreneur Training from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dallas, \$45.00; free for low income. Register at www.planfund.org or call 214-942-6698. Info: Tarsha at tpolk@planfund.org

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 17

Southwest Learning Summit & Exposition explores the latest training and development tools and products and hear recognized speakers on a variety of current, hot topics including social media and employee engagement. Breakfast Event only \$25; \$80 for ASTD members / \$100 non-members walk-ins on August 17 (no lunch guaranteed). Info: contact Chapter Administrator: info@dallasastd.org, 972-755-0956 www.dallasastd.org.

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

August 26

Twenty North Texas mayors have accepted the invitation to the **DFW International Dinner with the Mayors** that celebrates the contributions of New Americans to the DFW area. Mayor Joe Chow of the Town of Addison is the Honorary Chair of the third annual dinner which will be held at Temple Emanu-El, 8500 Hillcrest Road (at NWH Highway) at 6 p.m. The flags of 70 nations will be presented to the assembled mayors during the event. The event is open to the public and tickets are available for \$100 from the webpage www.dfwinternational.org or by calling 972-965-5727.

August 27-29

St. Luke Community United Methodist Church Dance Conference for Dance Workshops. The cost: ages 13 and up. Youth/Seniors \$20 & Adults \$25. The workshop will culminate in a Dance Concert August 29th at 5 p.m. Info: slcumc.org, wedance4him@gmail.com or 214-887-3928.

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 at 12:00 noon. The Honorable Senator Roy West is the speaker for the occasion.

September 21

Methodist Health System is sponsoring a **free health screening event** at Golden Cross Academic Clinic, 122 W. Colorado Blvd, adjacent to Methodist Dallas Medical Center. Screenings will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will include prostate blood test, cholesterol, sugar, triglycerides, and the digital rectal exam. These screenings are limited to once per year per person. Fasting is not necessary. Appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment, call 214-947-4647.

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Celebration Time – C'mon! The Back To School Season Has Begun

BY CHERYL PEARSON-MCNEIL
SPECIAL NDG CONTRIBUTOR

It's time for my favorite annual holiday – which technically isn't an "official" day, but actually several weeks leading up to one BIG day. YOUR day may not be the same as mine. But trust me, it's the one holiday most seasoned parents look forward to more than all the others combined.

It's the Back to School Season, and yes, I am so glad it's finally HERE!

I've got my Mardi Gras beads on, I've hung celebratory colored lights on the bushes and trees outside my front door; and have prepared a monumental feast with all the trimmings that we'll still be talking about come Thanksgiving. All in celebration of the fact that

my son goes BACK TO SCHOOL (also commonly referred to as the "I Survived a Summer with a Teenager in the House" holiday).

One of the great things about working for The Nielsen Company, the world's largest market research company which provides measurement services for industries like media, online, mobile and con-

Forecast based on more than 110,000 UPCs in the school supply category, and more than 400 million school supply transactions at U.S. food, drug, mass merchandiser stores (including WalMart), dollar, club stores and online sales. We forecasted a modest increase in dollar sales on Back to School items, up 1.7 percent to \$2.6 billion. The Forecast makes a few

compared to 2009. Nielsen's research shows that the lowest prices are available in July (down 55 percent) and August (down 50 percent.)

As a parent, you don't have to tell me to shop early – I'm already there! And not just for the price savings. I'm already piling up the shopping cart with spiral notebooks, #2 pencils and multi-colored index

cards with visions of my couch pillows and cushions being returned to their natural plump state vs. the pitiful deflated look of someone-has-been-lying-on-me-for-12-hours-straight-playing-video-games they have been shamefully boasting for the last nine weeks.

In the Forecast my colleague James Russo states, "Unlike the

holiday season, many consumers view back to school shopping as required versus discretionary purchases."

OI totally agree! It is required that I restore harmony to my "there's nothing to do around here" home by joyfully and strategically overstuffing that \$40 backpack with a rainbow of supplies: pastel pink erasers; black, blue and red ball point pens; yellow and blue highlighters (which will disappear before the end of the third week of school, but not to worry, I have already hidden the back ups).

The reason parents view these items as required is because, once they are in hand, we can officially mark the day we get our sanity back – and sanity is



required to get us through the next nine months. How else could we handle the ongoing saga of "Have you finished your homework? What do you mean you don't have a pencil? I just bought you 10 packs of pencils three weeks ago!" See? You need sanity to come out on top of discussions like that.

The July – September "Back to School" season is important for the \$7 billion office/school supply category, generating nearly 40 percent of annual dollar sales and more than 50 percent of annual unit sales. Nielsen forecasts Back to School unit sales for this category to drop 5.25 percent to \$1.04 billion.

So even with the decline, our Back to School shopping really adds up. Are you using your consumer power wisely by shopping at stores which support your schools and/or community?

Parents of school aged children unite! Education continues to be critical to African Americans.

Be sure your child is in school on Day One and that they not only have the supplies they need to be successful students, but your support as well. No matter how harried you get, take the time to look your child in the eye and ask them each day, how their school day went.

Help your child with their homework every night (even if that means calling the ex who understands math better than you). Our kids are our future. Which means your kids are my future, and vice versa. So I'm counting on you to do your part. And I'll do mine.

Now, with our school supply shopping completed and handled with care, let the holiday officially begin. Happy First Day of School!

Cheryl Pearson-McNeil is the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations for The Nielsen Company, the world's leading market research company. For more insights and studies visit www.nielsenwire.com.

"Unlike the holiday season, many consumers view back to school shopping as required versus discretionary purchases."

sumer packaged goods is that we conduct all types of great studies.

Nielsen recently released a Back To School

relevant observations including this one:

Shop Now, Shop Early: Many prices for Back to School items are up in 2010



Dallas-area families get up and get playing at Wii Games: Summer 2010 Competition

(NDG Wire) Nintendo is hosting a series of special interactive events at Six Flags Over Texas as part of "Wii Games: Summer 2010," the first-ever nationwide Wii™ video game tournament. On Fridays,

Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 15, people of all ages are invited to get off the couch and on their feet for a chance to win great prizes while having fun playing Nintendo's motion-control video games.

Similar Wii Games: Summer 2010 events are being held throughout the summer at select shopping malls and other Six Flags theme parks across the country. Qualifying winners will win a trip to Los Angeles to compete in the Wii Games: Summer 2010 national championship in September.

The event is being held at Six Flags Over Texas located at 2201 Road to Six Flags in Arlington.

Full details, rules and regulations can be found at <http://www.wiigames2010.com>.

Dallas Childrens Theater's *The Curse of Castle Mongrew* A Gothic-Horror Comedy for Halloween season

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Childrens Theater is bringing to the stage *The Curse of Castle Mongrew* this October. They're kooky and they're spooky! They're wacky and they're weird! No, not that other family!

Meet the Mongrews! Young Katherine suddenly finds herself an orphan and

is sent to live in the crumbling estate of her strange uncle. Little does she know that the creepy castle is under a curse!

It's Gothic Horror! It's Romantic Comedy! It's Madcap Melodrama!

The production will be enjoyed by children 12 and older as young children

might find it a little too scary.

The performance dates and times are:

- Fridays October 8, 15, 22, 29 7:30 p.m.

- Saturdays October 9, 16, 23, 30 1:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

- Sunday October 10 1:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

- Sundays October 17, 24, 31 1:30 p.m.

The Rosewood Center for Family Arts is the home of the Dallas Children's Theater, located at 5938 Skillman Street in Dallas.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the DCT Box Office at 214-740-0051 or online at dct.org. The ticket prices are:

- Friday Nights - \$18 Adult & Youth Section A; \$12 Adult & Youth Section B

- Saturday/Sunday - \$23 Adult / \$21 Youth Section A; \$18 Adult / \$16 Youth Section B



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bob their heads to melodic music from back in the day and "shake their booty" to the vivacious beats of live musical entertainment.

With authentic southern-comfort dishes that stimulate the soul, this award-winning hip spot will feature a star-studded menu to include Chef Hick's signature "Chicken and Waffles," "Huff's Pot Roast," "Nacho Mama's Meatloaf," "Gumbo Mom-

bo," "Brotha Smothered Pork Chops," as well as hearty prime steaks, delectable seafood and "oh so heavenly" desserts. Buttons will be open daily for lunch, host a lively nightly happy hour and feature a spirit-filled Gospel and Jazz Brunch each Sunday.

The Addison location will be open Sun. - Wed. from 11 a.m. to 12 midnight and

Thur. - Sat. from 11

a.m. to 2 a.m. The restaurant also offers a Sunday Gospel and Jazz Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Happy Hour specials Mon. - Fri. from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Owners Chef Hicks, Herbert Hughes, and Dolye Dale have not announced the official opening date in September but the information will be available on their website: www.buttonsrestaurant.com.

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Eight Great Start Up Essentials

BY FARRAH GRAY

(NNPA) Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but this shouldn't come as a surprise: brilliant inventions and good intentions are not enough to make you rich. The missing word is ACTION.

To that end, let me share my Great 8 Start-Up Essentials:

An idea: It should be fleshed out because you've done the knowledge and have identified a potential market.

A business plan: Take this seriously, even if you don't complete a model plan worthy of publication, and even if you don't plan to raise capital outside your personal savings and access to funds. You need a business plan to clarify the vision you have for your idea, as well as for yourself.

Bookkeeping and accounting basics: Because you'll likely have to wear a few hats in the first days of

your business, you'll have to get comfortable with some basic math to keep track of your business's finances.

Me, myself, and I: Few businesses start out with a full staff. You will add people to your core work force (which at the start may be just you), as you can afford them and as you require new sets of skills mastered by others.

It's important that when you do hire others, find highly motivated people who enjoy the dynamics of working for a small start-up business and who can perform their jobs well. Usually student interns with specific areas of specialization and work experience can be of great, inexpensive help.

Time management: This is another one of those easier-said-than-done tips. Some of us are better at managing our time than others. Regardless of which

category you come under, it helps to chart out your tasks and check off your To-Dos on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Keep both a planning and an operation log.

Legal details: The entrepreneur has to be well-versed in local and state government rules and regulations governing small business concerns. This entails choosing the most appropriate legal form of doing business, such as being an "Inc.," fulfilling those requirements, and filing tax returns—both personal and business.

Getting incorporated, for instance, is as easy as filling out a few forms and filing them with the appropriate government entity and paying a fee.

Once you have your business incorporated, you can then set up a bank account in its name and begin to conduct business from the account. For more help

in understanding your particular state's rules, I recommend visiting your state's main Web site (try www.yourstate.gov).

Customers and clients: These golden gems usually begin knocking on your door once you've done some savvy marketing and advertising. Plenty of marketing strategies are on the cheap these days through the Internet and old-fashioned methods of advertising (think flyers, word-of-mouth, community events, and the Yellow Pages).

Promote your business through a Web site, which you can build yourself using any of the packages that typically come with setting up a domain name. When you establish an account at Yahoo! Business, for example, they offer a free downloadable software program that guides you step by step through creating a Web site using whatever domain name you

choose to have for your company.

Backup Support: Okay, so when you start a business you are filled with excitement and energy. You are also probably experiencing some anxiety, fear, worry, hesitation, dread, panic, terror.... Need I continue? This is why it's critical to have a strong support system on hand so you can talk out your biggest woes and keep your confidence in check. Most family members and friends can play this role, but be careful. Work on growing your support system, weeding out the toxic people when necessary, and don't give up your affirmations.

When faced with a serious decision lately and feeling weak in spirit to make the right one, someone said to me, "Be your authentic self." That cleared the air up instantly. It's now an affirmation I use to remind myself that I've got what it

takes to succeed if I just listen to myself, stay positive, and go with my gut. Develop a circle of associates you can all help each other find new, innovative insights for resolving problems. You'll be surprised by what else you can get out of such a group. The exchange of information will further support your enthusiasm, strengthen new talents, and reinforce YOUR determination to succeed.

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After death of 13-year-old: Jackson, other pastors call for federal intervention in cities

BY WENDELL HUTSON

(NNPA) The last time Robert Freeman Sr. saw his son the 13-year-old looked happy and was full of joy. On July 28 the teen was gunned down in the 11500 block of South Perry Avenue.

"He was a good son and lived life to its fullest. I loved him very much and now he is gone," Freeman said. Robert Jr. was the oldest of his three children.

According to Chicago police, the son was shot more than 20 times by an unknown assailant during the day as he stood with friends on the street.

Freeman Sr. lives one block away on 115th Street and Lafayette Avenue and has lived there since 1970.

"Even though I have another son (and a daughter) there is something special about your first born," he told the Defender.

"I now know how other parents feel when they have to bury their kids. Parents

should not out-live their children but when you live in a violent community things like this are bound to happen."

On Aug. 2, Freeman, 44, joined the Rev. Jesse Jackson, founder of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, and two-dozen Black ministers gathered at the corner of 116th Street and Perry Avenue to pray for the community and call for federal intervention on the plight of urban areas.

Jackson said that Black-on-Black crime is a long standing problem in the Black community but reminded those attending the press conference that Blacks do not manufacture guns or illegal drugs.

"The Black community is a target market for drugs and violence," he added. "As a community we must love and protect our children to prevent more Robert Freeman's from being brutality murdered."

Solutions offered by

Jackson to slow down the escalating violence in many Black communities are more jobs and better public transportation.

"In this community the unemployment rate for adults is 30 percent and 50 percent for teenagers.

We need jobs and job training so people can go back to work," the civil rights leader explained.

The Rev. Walter Turner, pastor of New Spiritual Light Baptist Church on the South Side, said he agrees that Blacks suffer from more than just violence.

"This is more than violence with guns but violence with economics," he said. "We need to find a way to make living in economically depressed areas safer."

The young Freeman's slaying and the violent weekend that came in its wake — over 20 shootings, with six of them fatal — also had Mayor Richard Daley speaking out.

Daley announced new initiatives to deal with the violence, which he called "our most immediate and pressing challenge" and he agreed that the solution requires many answers.

"Violence is a complex challenge," Daley said at a news conference held at 15th District Police District Headquarters.

"As reasonable people understand, making Chicago safer doesn't have one answer, it has many. That's

why we're working on many fronts and in many ways to make our streets safer."

Daley said that the gang bangers and drug dealers who are responsible for much of the city's street violence are a "small but violent part" of Chicago.

"The problem is that they believe they're above the law and they don't care about the consequences of their violence," Daley said. "As a city, we must stand up

to them."

Chicago police report that there were 57 homicides in Chicago last July, and 43 this July.

"But numbers don't provide much consolation if you've lost a family member or friend to violence or feel vulnerable to its awful grip," Daley said.

"The fight to protect Chicago's streets, and especially our children, must continue."

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wealth and opposing predatory lending in all of its forms, CRL encourages other lenders to follow the progressive examples of these institutions. However, CRL also offers two key consumer recommendations to help people to keep more of their hard-earned wages:

- Do not consent or "opt-in" to overdraft coverage on your debit card. Instead, consider lower-cost alternatives such as a line of credit or linking an account with back-up funds; and

- Consider signing up for programs that banks or other lenders offer to help you monitor your own money and account balance; with today's technology, email and text messages can quickly alert consumers to a low balance.

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House passes jobs bill

(NDG Wire) In a one day special session of the U.S. House of Representatives, the legislators voted to save and create almost 320,000 jobs — including saving the jobs of 160,000 teachers and preventing the layoffs of tens of thousands of police officers, firefighters, and nurses. The House reconvened to take up this emergency aid to help states keep teachers in our classrooms and first responders on duty. The Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act reportedly is paid for and reduces the deficit by \$1.4 billion over 10 years—in part by closing a loophole that actually encourages corporations to ship American jobs overseas.

“Many local communi-

ties in Texas are being forced to choose between important public services — like keeping teachers in the classrooms or keeping police officers on the beat in our neighborhoods,” said Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. “So, I came back to Washington this week to vote on a bill that is a win-win-win: it helps keep teachers and first responders on the job, it is fiscally responsible by actually reducing the deficit, and it is able to do that by closing a tax loophole that promotes shipping jobs overseas. Not acting could have jeopardized the future of our children and the public’s safety.”

The legislation provides \$10 billion in funding to

save more than 160,000 teacher jobs. It also provides \$16.1 billion in health assistance to the states that, by reducing shortfalls and stimulating the economy, will save and create 158,000 jobs, including preventing the layoffs of police officers and firefighters, as well as creating private-sector jobs throughout our economy.

The funding in the bill is supported by a majority of the nation’s Governors, including many Republican Governors, and by numerous organizations, including the bipartisan National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Counties and the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations.

The Medical & Surgical Clinic of Irving Welcomes the City's First Female Gastroenterologist

The Medical & Surgical Clinic of Irving (M&SCI) today announced that Mabel Zevallos, MD is joining the staff as the first female Gastroenterologist in Irving.

A New York-trained Gastroenterologist, she brings experience in all aspects of general gastroenterology and hepatology and performs several gastroenterological procedures.

Dr. Zevallos finished medical school in the top 10% at Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima, Peru.

She then completed Internal Medicine residency in the top 5% and was elected Chief Resident at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center in New York, an affiliate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

She's been a Gastroenterology attending physician at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center for the last five years. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and is a member of the American Medical Association, American Gastroenterological Association, Amer-

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Texas Renaissance Festival Job Faire

Work weekends in another century

(NDG Wire) King Henry VIII and the Texas Renaissance Festival have decreed Saturday, August 14, and Sunday, August 15 as the 2010 Job Faire. There will be hundreds of seasonal positions available for the eight weekends of the 36th annual Texas Renaissance Festival.

All positions are paid, and all interviews are held at the Festival site. The Texas Renaissance Festival offers the chance to participate in the world’s largest Renaissance festival.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. sharp on both days, Festival Vendors will be onsite to conduct job interviews for positions. Hawkers, salespeople, food vendors, and other exciting opportunities

make up only a few of the available job openings. Experience in these positions is helpful, but not required for consideration.

Remember a photo ID is required. Dress comfortably and be prepared to stay two to four hours. Keep in mind this is an outdoor event.

The upcoming season runs for eight consecutive

weekends, October 9 through November 28, with a special three day weekend, which includes Thanksgiving Friday, November 26.

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August 19, 12 Noon

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August 15, 10 a.m.

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August 22, 11 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate our Pastor's & Wife's 27th Anniversary. Pastor Joe Fields of New Beginnings Baptist and his members from Lewisville, Texas are our guests. Anniversary color for 2010 is any shade of blue.

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August 15, 7:30 a.m.

And 11 a.m.

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August 16, 7 p.m.

Join us for Monday School as we learn about, worship and praise God in our new facility.

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August 11-13, 7:30 p.m.

Join us at our District Revival on Wednesday with Rev. Eric Simmons, Pastor of Rock Island Church in Lone Star, Texas. On Thursday & Friday nights Elder Raymond Jones, Senior Pastor of Holy Temple Cathedral of Praise

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August 18, 7 p.m.

Join us with our guest, Rev. Cory Morris from Morning Star Baptist in Kankakee, Illinois.

August 22, 5 p.m.-6 p.m.
You're invited to our Back-to-School Drive. Call the church for details.

August 25, 7 p.m.
You're invited to hear our guest, Rev. Dwight Townsend from Longley Baptist in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Last Night

August 12, 7 p.m.

Join us for the last night of our Youth Revival featuring Dr. T. L. Brown from Exciting Ervay Cedar Baptist.

August 14, 9 a.m.

Come and bring a friend to the culmination of our annual Back-to-School Summit at Churchill Park, 7000 Churchill Way in Dallas.

August 15, 10:30 a.m.

Join our Hospitality, Nurses Guild and Ushers groups for our Fellowship Ministry Annual Day as we all thank and praise God for His many blessings.

August 22, 3 p.m.

And 7 p.m.

The Gospel Stage Play, "Mirror, Mirror" will be held at the Plaza Theater in Garland. Call Jerri Fondren @ 972-741-1405 for details.

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"But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot hath held His steps, His way have I kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:10-12 (KJV)

There comes a time in each person's life that they come to a fork in the road; one road leads to God's will for their life and the other road leads to how life could be according to their own preference. The decision for the individual is which road to take.

The struggle for most people lies in the desire to follow God completely and the fear of what might be on the road of full surrender. Most of us desire to follow God, but few of us will do it at any cost. We don't really trust that God loves us to the degree that we are willing to give Him complete permission to do as He wills in us. If we desire to fully walk with God, there is a cost. We may give intellectual assent and go along with His princi-

ples and do fine; however, if we are fully given over to Him and His will for our life, it will be a life that will have adversity.

The Bible is clear that people do not achieve greatness without having their sinful wills broken. This process is designed to create a nature change in Christians, not just a habit change. The Bible calls it circumcision. Circumcision is painful, bloody, and personal. If God has plans to greatly use you in the lives of others, you can expect your trials to be even greater than those of others. Why? Because, like Joseph who went through greater trials than most patriarchs, an individual's calling may have such responsibility that God cannot afford to entrust it to him/her without ensuring their complete faithfulness to the call. He has much invested in him/her on behalf of others. God may want to speak through his/her life to a greater degree than through another. The events of their life would become the frame for the message He wants to speak through them.

Christ is the vine, and we are the branches. Christians should abide in Him and He will abide in them so that Christians will bear

much fruit, for without Christ people can do nothing. Allow God's desires to be your desires. One way to do this is to dare to: Be Christ-like, be Holy as God is Holy, be peaceful, be different from the world, be honorable in all your ways, faithful to God's Word; for by this God is glorified.

Christians should not fear the path that God may lead them on. They should embrace it. God may take them down a path in their life to ensure the reward of their inheritance. *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."* 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (KJV)

Things to Ponder: When we become wise, our lives are lived according to God and from our hearts; just keep listening to God and keep opening your heart. To love someone is to know the song in their heart and to sing it to them when they have forgotten the words. Keep your eyes open—you never know where you'll find blessings from God and others. Make

a great big deal out of little pleasures. Where friends meet, the heart is warm and life is simple.

You hold in your hands a precious gift from God—the freedom to be who you want to be.

Sometimes your dreams are like cats whiskers, soft and elusive and sometimes we build them, stitch by stitch—like a well loved quilt. Tell your family and friends that you love them, often. Count your blessings one by one and thank God for what He has done.

Surrendering Fully to God



Bro. B, Minister Stretch Holley from House of Heart-light Freedom Ministries and Worship Leader at Carrollton Health & Rehab Center on Saturdays @ 2 p.m. and Minister Alan Miles, by their actions and lives these men of God have fully surrendered to God.

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state.

The Texas Publisher's Association will decide if its membership should run the article. That's more than a dozen newspapers with websites.

"Bill White doesn't have a prayer if he doesn't come in with 95% of the African American vote," Chris Begala is a political consultant, he says.

That's why Begala says White should take the article seriously.

The consultant says the black vote is part of the base in the Democratic party.

"I think the African

American turnout statewide is going to be down and he cannot afford to alienate any section or any or even a minute section of that demographic so it's a very serious issue he needs to jump on it and I think he will," Begala tells FOX.

So what alternative candidate is the newspaper

publisher offering?

Someone from the green party.

A member of the Texas Publisher's Association says they will decide next month if they will run the article statewide, but ultimately it will be up to each individual paper.



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McMurry University is currently accepting applications for Spring Semester 2011. Enrollment is limited to ten highly qualified participants.

Upon successful completion of the program, participants will receive certification in Texas history and culture. The ten participants also will receive up to eighteen hours of university credit.

Those unable to fit in the entire semester may still apply to participate in the

culminating three-week Grand Tour of Texas. This May term course will involve a journey to the state's six geographic regions. Stops during the journey will include natural wonders, archival repositories, historic sites, museums, and restaurants. Some of the state's most distinguished historians will meet students and conduct tours.

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