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21st Century Agenda for Jobs and Freedom

BY MARC MORIAL
NNPA COLUMNIST

Almost 50 years ago, I gave a little blood on that bridge in Selma, Alabama for the right to vote. I am not going to stand by and let the Supreme Court take the right to vote away from us.

- Rep. John Lewis at the 50th anniversary March on Washington

Last weekend, tens of thousands of citizens from around the country converged at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington and to dedicate themselves to a continuation of the fight for jobs, voting rights and a host of other challenges that are having a disproportionate impact

on African Americans and other communities of color.

Just as 50 years ago, the National Urban League was on the front lines of last week's march activities. I had the honor of addressing the multitude from the same location that Dr. King and Whitney Young did during the 1963 March. Approximately 5000 Urban Leaguers and friends

marched with us to the Lincoln Memorial in a pre-march rally. We came in full force.

Our participation was shaped by our determination that the 50-year anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, as well as of Dr. King's historic I Have a Dream speech, would be both a commemoration and a con-

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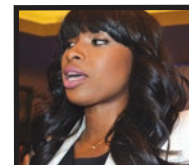
Tips for healthy aging

Every generation puts its own spin on the aging process, and how you approach your 50s, 60s, 70s and beyond is different than the way your parents did. This September during Healthy Aging Month, find the latest government information from USA.gov to help you improve your physical, mental and financial health:



Staying in the pink - Get a group of friends together, and the subject eventually turns to health, from managing medications to getting more physically active. Use the Go4Life website from the National Institute on Aging for helpful tips, encouraging success stories and modern, realistic fitness plans to build

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The International Faith & Family Film Festival was an impressive companion to MegaFest

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COMMENTARY

Is America on the brink of another war?

By Nicole Scott, NDG
Contributing Writer

For almost two years now Syria has been engaged in a civil war that has left reportedly more than 100,000 men, women and children dead and an upwards of 2 million refugees. It is a war that has sparked global debate on so many levels and involved a spectrum of players from around the world. Despite billions of dollars of support as well as supply of weapons from outside sources in-

cluding the U.S., Israel and even Saudi Arabia President Bashar al-Assad has managed to repress the rebel forces.

Up till now the U.S. has strayed away from the idea of invading yet another Arab nation generating more turmoil in the region. But with the recent allegations of chemical weapons' use by al-Assad, which he is denying, the U.S. is debating if it will intervene militarily, a move which many are

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Beware of the pitfalls of public wi-fi

BY JASON ALDERMAN

Ever notice how many people walk down the street completely engrossed in their smartphones and tablets? I fully expect to see one of them to walk into a light post one day.

Although it's great having access to email, social networking and online shopping anywhere,



anytime, such convenience comes with a certain amount of risk, ac-

cording to Jennifer Fischer, Head of Americas Payment System Security, Visa Inc. Unless you're hyper-vigilant about using secure networks and hack-proof passwords, someone sitting at the next table - or halfway around the world - could be watching your

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Dr. Terry Neese

Peacemakers Incorporated is hosting their 5th Annual Peacemakers Celebration of the International Day of Peace on Sept. 21. This year's gala salutes small businesses and women-owned businesses for their role in promoting peace in their communities. It is widely acknowledged that economically stable societies have a much greater capacity for peace. Small businesses has always been the backbone of economic stability, and women have

historically served as society's peacemakers. Consequently, women business leaders are in a unique position to change the world.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Terry Neese, founder and CEO of the Institute for Economic Empowerment of Women (IEEW) and its Peace Through Business program. The IEEW Peace Through Business program educates and empowers women entrepreneurs in developing countries to achieve their

dream of financial independence, community involvement, and political activism. Since its creation in 2006, the program has trained more than 300 women entrepreneurs in Afghanistan and Rwanda.

Peacemakers Incorporated is a 501(c)3 corporation that was founded in 1987 by renowned Dallas peace activist and former journalist, Vivian Castleberry. With an initial goal of sponsoring international women's peace conferences, Peacemakers' work has expanded to include facilitating a variety of peace ed-



ucation programs for the DFW community including the DISD Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School, the MasterPeace program, and the UNT Castleberry Peace Institute at the University of North Texas.

Proceeds of this year's Gala will support peace education in North Texas and the 2015 International Women's Peace Conference. For more information or to purchase tickets online, go to www.PeacemakersIncorporated.org or call 972-239-2942.

Des Stewart

Preparing for the start of a new school year, Garland ISD hired several new employees, many with impressive backgrounds. One holds the title of Texas' Secondary Principal of the Year.

Des Stewart received this award from the state-wide PTA organization in July. He served as the principal at Mansfield Legacy High School for two years before coming to GISD this summer as the director of area 6, which consists of Rowlett schools. Stewart's tenure in

education also includes additional principal positions as well as teaching, coaching and assistant principal ones.

"My purpose as an educator is to serve as a mentor and role model," he said. "I came from a low-socioeconomic family where education was not valued. I broke that cycle and want to show students that anything is possible if they set their goals high, focus and dedicate themselves through hard work."

But Stewart realizes that he does not work alone.



Patti Jones and Des Stewart

"Impacting students reach-es beyond campus staff," he commented. "PTAs are critical to the success of a school. They support everyone inside, volunteering their time and resources to help provide better learning experiences. Comprised of parents, they also create warm, closely knit communities."

Stewart's Principal of the Year award started as a nomination by Legacy High School's PTA. Unaware of its submission, he was pleasantly surprised to learn he had won.

"My jaw hit the ground," said Stewart. "I was only doing my job, but it feels

good to know that what you do is appreciated."

"Mr. Stewart is worth more than words can express to the Legacy students, staff and families," commented PTA member Patti Jones. "His value to us cannot be measured except by the love and respect we all share for him. No matter the time of day—early morning or late evening—you could find Mr. Stewart among the students, greeting them by name with a handshake and a word of encouragement. The same was always true with the staff

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Coach Ken Carter

DALLAS – The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (DBCC), the nation's oldest Black chamber of commerce, will feature Coach Ken Carter, famously



merce (DBCC), the nation's oldest Black chamber of commerce, will feature Coach Ken Carter, famously

portrayed by Samuel L. Jackson in the film Coach

The life story of Coach Ken Carter has one central theme: winning on the court and in life requires more than just the average. In 1999, basketball coach Ken Carter made history at California's Richmond High School by locking his undefeated team out of the gym for failing to honor their player contracts and academic requirements. Within two years, he single-handedly transformed the school and the team, motivating his players to pursue excellence both on and off the court.

In his featured presentation, Carter will challenge the Chamber to strive beyond the average to true greatness with the same standards he instilled in the Richmond team: accountability, integrity, teamwork and leadership.

The messages Coach

Carter used to motivate his team then reflect the principles of the Chamber and its members, said Wilton Munnings, DBCC president and CEO. Business growth and entrepreneurship are a community effort, and as we celebrate our annual event, we must be drawn ever more together.

As a speaker, Carter brings conviction to the stage with powerful presentations, and as founder and chairman of the Coach Ken Carter Foundation, he also works to provide education, training, and mentoring programs for minority youth. Carter has been honored with numerous awards, including Harvard Club's Distinguished Secondary Educator Award, NAACP's Impact Citizen of the Year Award and several coaching and education awards.

The DBCC 87th Annual

Awards Banquet will take place on Friday, Oct. 11 at 7

p.m. at the Dallas Convention Center. **See CARTER, Page 5**

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Advancing the Dream with a stroke of the pen

BY JOE MADISON

(NNPA) There was a lot of talk around the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington last week that Dr. Martin Luther King's dream remains unrealized. The march, of course, was for jobs and freedom, and commentators and activists alike rightly noted that much work remains on both counts. The Supreme Court this summer struck the core of the Voting Rights Act, and the recent Trayvon Martin killing and legal battles surrounding New York City's stop and frisk policies underscore just how prejudiced our criminal justice system continues to be.

Economically, the gap between Whites and Blacks remains as large as when Dr. King marched. The Black unemployment rate is twice that of White unemployment, while the average wealth for African-American and Latino families is \$103,000, compared to \$632,000 for their White counterparts. As a new study by former Census bureau officials reported last week, groups with already low income, particularly African-Americans, have seen the steepest declines in their incomes following the recession.

For all the mention of the issues still plaguing communities of color, there was markedly less discussion of immediate, concrete and impactful steps that could be taken to advance justice.

But there is something President Obama can do right now to help lift the dreams of more than 2 million people. As Clayola Brown, president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, mentioned in her speech, the president should issue an executive order guaranteeing that companies doing business with the federal government pay their employees a living wage.

According to a recent study by Demos, nearly 2 million private sector employees working on behalf of America earn wages too low to support a family, making \$12 or less per hour. The vast majority of these workers are African-American or Latino – only contributing to the expanding racial and economic gap in this country. People who serve food in government buildings, home health care providers and the workers who clean our nation's capital often cannot even afford the very basics, like food and rent payments.

Americans benefit from

the fruits of these workers' labor every day, and yet our tax dollars fuel their poverty and relegate them to the ranks of the working poor.

President Obama has said he will do anything within his power as chief executive to get the economy moving again. Raising the wages of federally contracted employees does just that – it is both morally right and fiscally prudent. With more money in these workers pockets, they will spend it, generating demand, investing in communities and creating jobs.

And companies doing business with the federal government can certainly afford it. A new Government Accountability Office (GAO) study offers figures revealing how much taxpayers bankroll the paychecks of already-wealthy executives, paying up to \$760,000 – more than three times the salary of the vice president – towards the compensation of a contracting executive at thousands of companies.

The disparity between rising CEO compensation and profits and stagnant wages is one of the main reasons we have seen the emergence of new movements seeking to win the unmet demands of the

original March. In recent months, low-wage workers from Wal-Mart, fast-food and federal contractors have staged unprecedented series of strikes to improve conditions for all working Americans.

Tired of an economy that only works for the powerful and the wealthy, this new generation of marchers are taking courageous action because pay is too low, part-time hours aren't cutting it and they can't afford the basics such as housing and health care without relying on public assistance. Many are calling for a living wage of \$15/hour, which when adjusted for inflation, mirrors the \$2/hour demand the organizers of the 1963 March made. Today, workers fight because the Dream is still not a reality for them.

It's rare that any commemoration or speech offers hope of engendering instant social change. But the president can use this 50-year anniversary as an opportunity – an opportunity to take decisive action to advance racial and economic justice and an opportunity to sign an executive order that would raise standards for millions of low-wage employees working on behalf of our country.

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saying would be catastrophic. The remnants from two very costly, both financially as well as casualty, wars in the Middle East are still looming in the minds of Americans as well as the international community at large.

President Barack Obama is facing opposition even within his own party over military intervention in Syria. According to Reuters News Massachusetts (D) Governor James McGovern said, "people have become, it's more than just war-weary, they've become skeptical of the effectiveness of these military involvements."

Democratic Representative Chris Van Hollen expressed concerns regarding the wording of the White House's request to Congress for authorization for the use of military force. "There is no limitation on

putting American soldiers on the ground. There is no end point. The draft resolution presented by the administration is overly broad, it provides too much of a blank check to the executive", Van Hollen said.

Moreover people have not forgotten the mistruths spoken by George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, et al regarding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. To many President Obama is sounding much like his predecessor, the boy who cried wolf. But it's not just Americans who are leery of the U.S.'s intentions pertaining to Syria and whether or not this is all about regime change or the obvious question - oil.

According to British polls 80 percent of the population is opposed to British military involvement. The British parliament also voted against military action,

a move which Labour leader Ed Miliband stated was done "for the people of Britain".

"People are deeply concerned about the chemical weapons attacks in Syria, but they want us to learn lessons of Iraq," Miliband said.

Something the U.S. apparently hasn't learnt, despite the thousands of soldiers who were killed, the 100,000's of thousands of Iraqis who were killed, the huge price tag it left the U.S. with and the horrible reputation internationally.

As bloody and disastrous as the Iraq war was, however, it will pale in comparison to what a war with Syria could entail. A senior Syrian military official who spoke anonymously said if the U.S. attacks Damascus, Syria and its allies will bomb Tel Aviv.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has stated Iran and Russia have been working collectively to prevent any military action against Syria and that any attack from the West would be an "open violation" of international laws.

Meanwhile Russia has sent a missile cruiser and a large anti-submarine vessel to the Mediterranean Sea. On Tuesday the U.S. and Israel carried out a joint missile launch in the Mediterranean Sea, which the U.S. Navy denied, but Israel's Defense Ministry confirmed.

It appears all of the chess pieces are aligning for battle. The only remaining question lies whether or not President Obama wants to be remembered as the leader who prompted World War III.

Buckner to Host Foster Care and Adoption Interest Meeting

DALLAS- Buckner Children and Family Services and Dillon International, Inc. will present two free foster care and adoption information meetings this month at Buckner's office, 5200 Buckner Blvd.

On Monday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. a Dillon representative will give an overview of adoption from China, Korea, Haiti, India, Hong Kong, Ghana and Colombia. A domestic adoption program for

Texas families and adoption programs in Russia, Ethiopia and Honduras, available through an affiliation with Buckner, will also be discussed. For information or a reservation to attend the

meeting, please call 214-319-3426 or email DillonTX@dillonadopt.com.

Then on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. a Buckner representative will give an overview of foster care and

adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting Texas Children and domestic infant adoption programs. International adoption options, through Buckner's affiliate Dillon In-

ternational, will also be discussed.

For information or a reservation to attend the meeting, please call Sheree Scott at 214-319-3425 or emailsscott@buckner.org.

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every move online and stealing valuable personal and financial information right off your device, says Fischer.

There are two primary potential dangers with Wi-Fi, notes Fischer. The first is using an unsecured network — as many public hotspots are. With a little know-how and the right tools, cybercriminals could easily eavesdrop on your online activity.

The second hazard is phony wireless networks that impersonate legitimate Wi-Fi hot spots. You think you're logged onto a trusted network, but instead a cybercriminal has hijacked your session and can see all the private in-

formation you access or input.

When using public Wi-Fi networks, always follow these safety precautions:

- Change default settings on your laptop, smartphone or tablet to require that you must manually select a particular Wi-Fi network, rather than automatically accepting the strongest available signal.

- Avoid any network connections your device lists as unsecured (look for the lock icon). But if you must log on to a public network, avoid websites that require log-ins and passwords — e.g., bank accounts or email.

- Ask for the exact name of the establishment's hot spot address — don't be fooled by look-alikes.

- Only send personal data via Wi-Fi to encrypted websites (those whose addresses begin with https and display a lock icon). To be safe, you may want to avoid conducting financial transactions on public Wi-Fi altogether; instead, use your secure home network.

- Consider using a third-party virtual private network (VPN) product to encrypt your Internet traffic.

- Regularly update virus and spyware protection software, make sure

firewalls are on, and load operating system updates as soon as they become available, whether for your computer or smartphone.

- Turn off Wi-Fi on your device when it's not in use.

- Never leave a computer unattended while signed-in and always sign out completely at the end of a session.

- Keep an eye out for shoulder surfers who watch as you type in your password.

- Finally, change passwords regularly and use different ones for each website you visit. Use a mixture of letters, numbers and symbols and avoid common words and phr-

ases. Security experts recommend using at least 12 characters instead of the minimum eight characters commonly required.

Cybercrime is a booming business. According to the 2012 Norton Cybercrime Report, its global price tag topped \$388 billion last year, more than the global black market in marijuana, cocaine and heroin combined. It impacts individuals, small and large businesses and governments alike.

On October 2, 2013, Visa Inc. is hosting its fifth Global Security Summit in Washington, D.C. We're bringing together experts from the worlds of government, law enforcement,

technology, finance, retail commerce and academia to explore how industry and government can collaborate to address cyber security, says Fischer. Those interested in attending can register for free at www.visasecuritysummit.com.

Being able to access the Internet anywhere anytime can be a great convenience and time-saver. Just make sure you know what precautions to take when using public Wi-Fi networks.

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Areavibes ranks Plano 1st and Carrollton 3rd Best Places to Live in America

CARROLLTON – The City of Carrollton, Texas has been named number three in Areavibes' 2013 list of "Best Place to Live in America" based on liveability. Plano was ranked number one.

By measuring factors such as cost of living, crime, education, employment, health & safety, housing, transportation, local businesses, weather, and city reviews, Areavibes

ranks and scores more than 20,000 cities and neighborhoods, helping users make educated choices on the best places to live. Also available for each city is a forum and a user review section, making the site a great resource for those who are moving, traveling, or just trying to learn more about where they live.

Carrollton scored well in almost every major category, most noticeably cost

of living, proximity to amenities, and weather. Living in Carrollton is both safe and affordable.

Also included in the top five cities are Plano, Texas as number one; Gilbert, Arizona as number two; Irvine, California as number four; and Scottsdale, Arizona as number five. For more information, see the full list of the top 100 cities: <http://www.areavibes.com/best-places/america/>

Plano planning a Spring 2014 music festival with Live Nation

On August 26 the Plano City Council approved a license agreement with Live Nation Worldwide, Inc. for the promotion and production of a multi-day, multi-act music festival at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve to take place in spring of 2014.

"The community of Plano has a great opportunity to build a music festival with Live Nation. Not only will they deliver a

world-class live music event but this event will become a great economic engine for our community, creating job opportunities and increasing visitors to our City. We look forward to working with them," stated Mayor Harry LaRosi.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to deliver a world-class music festival in 2014 to Plano and the greater Dallas/Ft. Worth

area," stated Danny Eaton, Sr. Vice President for Live Nation – Dallas. "Our planning will commence immediately and we look forward to sharing more details about the 2014 festival later this year. As the leader in live entertainment, we know we can deliver a great event that will provide great music and be an economic driver bringing in visitors and creating some part-time employment opportunities."

Public invited to a potluck in Irving

Irving International Women's Consortium & North Lake College pres-

ents The 7th Annual International Potluck: Food for Thought on Sept. 19

from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be held at North Lake College Stu-

dent Life Center Room H200, 5001 N. MacArthur Blvd in Irving.

Registration will take place at the door and pre-registration is not required.

For more details please visit: www.iiwc.net or www.northlakecollege.edu

Deadlines approaching for Tom Joyner Foundation 2013-14 Scholarships

(BlackNews.com) - The 2013-2014 Denny's Hungry For Education Scholarship program is back, and aims to recognize students by awarding deserving high school and college students with scholarships for their

ideas to help Denny's efforts to fight childhood hunger.

The scholarships will be given away in partnership with many organizations including the Tom Joyner Foundation, Urban League of the Upstate, and the His-

panic Association of Colleges and Universities.

For the Tom Joyner Foundation scholarships, the applicant must be a full-time enrolled student, and have one of the qualifying declared majors. He/she must

also have a demonstrated financial need, and be in good academic standing.

For the Urban League scholarships, applicants must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. Grades and academic per-

formance will serve as indicators of potential; however, an emphasis may be placed on the individuals essay submission.

For more details about the Denny's Hungry For Education Scholarship pro-

gram, visit: www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/06/denny-hungry-for-education-scholarship.html

To search hundreds of other 2013-2014 scholarships, visit: www.ScholarshipsOnline.org.

The Irving Hispanic Arts Council seeking funding at Thursday's City Council

The Irving Hispanic Arts Council are planning to ask the Irving City Council to consider their request for funding at the Council meeting on Sept. 5. They are in the process of kicking off the first Hispanic

Arts Council in the City of Irving.

The expected future board members for the Irving Hispanic Arts Council include: President: Pastor Pedro Portillo; Vice-president: Miguel Cruz; Secretary: Attorney

Donald Crook; Doctor; Daniel Ramon Treasure; Artist and Actor: Carlos Adrianzen; Construction Builder: Frank Salvador; and Real Estate: Lisette Caraballo

The public is invited to share their support with the

City Council at their meeting at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located at 825 W. Irving, Blvd. Anyone interested in participating in the Irving Hispanic Arts Council, please contact Lisette Caraballo at 817-703-9060.

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If Dr. King were living today, I believe he would demand as much. And for the sake of our economic security and the preservation of our national ideals, the president

should meet that demand.

Joe Madison, a former board member of the NAACP, is an activist and host of The Joe Madison Show on SiriusXM Satellite Radio.

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members and Legacy families."

Jones presented Stewart with his award at the Texas PTA Summer Leadership Seminar July 19. As GISD's new director of area 6, Stewart will oversee Rowlett High School, Coyle and Schrade middle schools, and Dorsey, Herfurth, Keeley, Pearson, Rowlett, Steadham and Stephens elementaries. He will walk the campuses

weekly, helping facilitate curriculum, instruction and assessment at each. Stewart also hopes to become involved with district PTAs.

"I want to be active on campuses, serving in any capacity that will benefit students," he said. "My goal is to get them real-world ready, making sure they have all the tools—educational and social—needed for whatever future they choose."


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Coke will award \$200,000 in scholarships to Hispanic college-bound students

Back-to-school is always an exciting time for students across the country. As part of this significant moment, The Coca-Cola Company and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) are coming together with key retailers to announce the launch of Share Possibilities. This annual Hispanic Heritage Month scholarship program will award \$200,000 in scholarships to help close the college attainment gap among Latino students.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to support the community and provide Hispanic families the means to achieve their educational dreams and aspirations," said Lauventria Robinson, Vice

President of Multicultural Marketing, Coca-Cola North America Group. "This program allows us to bring the community together and share moments of happiness with families across the country."

With a long-standing relationship of more than 30 years, The Coca-Cola Company's Share Possibilities program is designed to further support HSF in its goal of providing scholarships to our country's best and brightest Latino students and supporting them on their path to obtaining a college degree.

"With 69 percent of Latino high school graduates now going directly to college, it is more important than ever

for HSF to provide scholarship support to students and information about college and financial aid to parents," said Fidel A. Vargas, President and CEO of HSF. "Our long-standing partnership with Coca-Cola continues to flourish and has played a key role in our ability to positively impact students and their families throughout America."

The Share Possibilities program grants a total of \$200,000 in scholarships to college-bound Hispanic students. Nationally, the grand prizewinner will receive \$20,000; four students will be awarded \$10,000 and sixteen will receive \$2,500. The company's retail partners,

within their respective communities, will award the remaining \$100,000 across the nation.

From Sept. 1 through Dec. 15, eligible high school seniors may apply for the opportunity to win a scholarship at www.Coke-HSF.com. Applicants who meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be featured in an online gallery with social media sharing capabilities. Students are encouraged to share their profiles and gain community votes. Each eligible participating voter is automatically entered for a chance to win a \$500 gift card and can vote up to five times a day.

HSF will select the scholarship recipients based on

the Fund's standard selection criteria for awarding scholarships, factoring in community votes gathered online. Final winners will be announced by May 2014.

The company's retail partners also play a vital role in the program by funding and awarding the remaining \$100,000 in their local communities. Joining in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, these partners are helping to increase awareness about the importance of education as a means of strengthening communities and providing the brainpower needed for a sustainable national economy.

Participating retailers include:

- Atlanta Retailers Association (ARA)
- Family Dollar
- Giant Landover in Baltimore & Washington D.C.
- Greater Houston Restaurant Association (GH-RA)
- Meijer, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois
- La Michoacana Meat Markets in Texas
- Stop & Shop New England Stop & Shop New York Metro

To learn more about the program, people can visit participating retailers in their area or go to www.Coke-HSF.com and www.hsf.net. Another way to follow the conversation is on Twitter and Facebook using the hashtag #CokeforEducation.

Mesquite Symphony plays for student scholarships

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra returns to Brookhaven College for a performance in support of music scholarships at the college. The public is invited to support the Brookhaven College School of the Arts at *Melodic Magicians* Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall with guitar soloist, Rodger Bennett, vice president of academic affairs and student success.

Melodic Magicians showcases the music of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Procession of the Nobles*, *Brahms' Academic Festival Overture*, *Haydn's Symphony No. 88* and Rodrigo's *Concierto de Ara-njuez*.

Currently the vice president for academic ac-



hievement and student success, Bennett also served as the executive dean of the School of the Arts, Athletics, Physical Education and Nutrition for more than 15 years. Prior to that he taught music for more than 20 years at Brookhaven College, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Temple

University. He has performed extensively in Mexico, throughout the United States, and in Korea, Canada, England, Ireland, Austria and Romania as a guitar soloist.

Since 2004, the symphony has been performing at the college with faculty members as the featured soloists to support scholarship funds that are awarded to students in the Brookhaven College School of the Arts Music Department.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission with \$10 tickets available to students and senior adults. To purchase tickets, contact the Music Department of the School of the Arts at 972-860-4730.

UT Dallas launches new website for business partnerships with school

UT Dallas recently launched a new website that provides resources for companies and for the alumni who work for them.

The site, utdallas.edu/corporate, is a one-stop shopping spot for company engagement on campus, executive education, recruitment of interns and students, alumni networking opportunities and sponsored research.

The new site is a one-stop shop for firms seeking to partner with the University in a variety of ways.

UT Dallas Corporate Relations helps build strategic partnerships between companies and UT Dallas' schools and institutes.

Opportunities to engage with the University are numerous and include: serving on advisory councils, giving

guest lectures, providing company tours for top stu-

dents, mentoring students or hosting alumni events.

Evening with Stephen Pride in Irving on Sept. 21

On Sept. 21 Irving Black Arts Council presents an Evening with Stephen Pride. The combination of Stephen's vocal range and the haunting pride timbre makes for a soulful treat. The performance will be a blend mix of traditional music

with a twist of modern contemporary music.

Stephen is an accomplished singer in his own right but also the son of the "first" African American country music star, Charlie Pride. Stephen has had the opportunity of opening for



great country music legends/artists such as Charley Pride, Willie Nelson, Louise Mandrell, Charlie Daniels, Ricky Van Shelton, Billy Joe Royal, Roger Miller, Desert Rose Band, Johnny Rodriguez, David Ball, and many more.

The event will be held at Irving Arts Center Atrium in Suite 200. For more infor-

mation visit: www.irvingartscenter.com.

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tion Center, Ballroom A (650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, TX). The event is the Chamber's premier event and provides a look at

the past year's accomplishments and upcoming programs and events that equip and market African-American business-es.

Seating is limited. Tickets for the banquet are \$75 with pricing for small business and corporate tables available at request. Sponsorship packages also are available. For more information on individual tickets, table prices or sponsorship levels, call 214-421-5200.

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Squid Packs, WallPops and more to finally finish Back to School shopping

BY RUTH FERGUSON,
NDG EDITOR

Your kids are back in the swing of things with school so your school shopping is done right? No, when does it ever really end. So you rushed around and bought the things on the list or stuff you thought your kids needed, but perhaps you have a little buyers remorse already. Well here a few ideas on how to fix that.

First, if your middle schooler needs locks for their locker, you cannot go wrong with options from **Master Lock**. Not only are they a reliable name you trust, but also now with the locker decorating craze, your child can choose a lock, which matches their "décor." Less than \$10 look for them at your favorite home improvement store. www.MasterLock.com

Learning how to be organized is one of the most effective lessons your high school or college kid can learn. But they can still be



stylish about it. **WallPops** was one of the items I was most looking forward to trying out this fall. For under \$30 you get a cute package in a designer look you choose featuring several useful tools. The Dry Eraser Organizing Kit includes: Dry Erase Board, Dry Erase Monthly and Weekly Calendars and a corkboard with coordinating push pins. Love it, and while the website images show them all together (in an organized fashion of course) perhaps you might want to split them up between your office, the kitchen or their dorm room. You have options – stylish

organizing options. I love the kits, but they also have individual products, which is great if you and your kids don't share the same style preferences (imagine that right!). <http://www.wallpops.com/dry-erase.aspx>

The **Mobile Clean & Go** is priceless! If you live and die by your favorite touchscreen device, but even you are afraid to touch it because it looks so grimy this should be in your bag. For those of us who love hand lotions, but hate the smearing they leave on our iPhone just drop this in your purse or backpack. It is a great reminder that good things do come in small packages! The flat bottle is genius and the double-sided microfiber cloth is small but effective. I think I could buy this by the case. (*Early Christmas gift hint:* You will be a very popular Secret Santa if you share the Mobile Clean & Go). <http://www.mobilecleanandgo.com/>

Finally, even I was surprised to see back packs at the .99 Only Store last month. With parents spending so much time on supplies and clothes, it was a helpful bargain, but how long do you think that backpack is going to last? Come on with your rough and tumble kids do you give it to the end of September? Well when the handle rips off or a hole suddenly appears be prepared with a bag that will last until next fall from **Squid Packs**. What your

child really love is the fact they can Build A Bag by choosing the bag in a color they love and then personalize it with colorful – very colorful – straps. Then they can add charms, even stuffed animals, to the sturdy straps. So everyone will know at a glance whose bag that is in the pile. Parents will love how well made it is with several useful pockets, in fact, when you open the pockets you find neat compartments, pouches, etc. for the student to safely store

items. Of course, this won't be in the .99 Only Store price range, but add up the number of times you have to replace those bags in a school year (will they even offer them year round, doubt it), with the aggravation of lost items through the ripped holes of an inferior bag and you will be happy to choose the Squid Pack. They even offer a limited warranty – with a promise to repair or replace bottom buckles and zippers as well. www.squid-packs.com



Fact:

1.2 million registered dogs in DFW produce an estimated 900,000 pounds of waste daily. Pet waste can pollute the storm drainage system, including area creeks, lakes, and the Trinity River, potentially harming plants and aquatic wildlife.

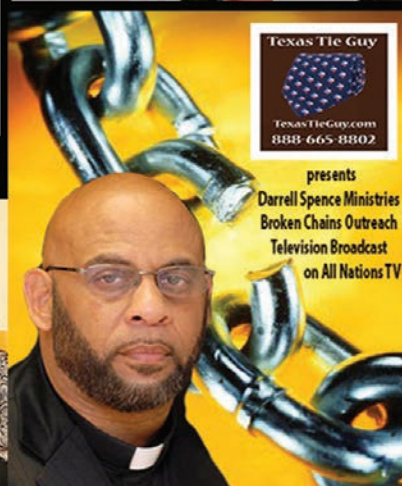
Tips:

- +Pick up after your pet during walks.
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Sporty Afros: Celebrates different kind of hair and lifestyle

BY: SHENICE SANDERS,
NDG INTERN

A woman's hair is sometimes considered the most important feature on her body. Women struggle with choosing the right product for their hair or the right style to wear their hair. Over the last few years, for African American women one question seems to often come up: "should I go natural?"



Whitney Patterson and Alexandria Williams

Going from perm hair to natural hair can possibly be one of the hardest challenges for an African American woman related to her hair. Therefore you might ask why so many women are considering going natural. Is it because women want a new look? Or is it to save the health of their hair? The true reason why African American women go natural differs from person to another, but Sporty Afros founders Whitney Patterson and Alexandria Williams have created an easy way to help women through their transformation period.

Sporty Afros is a popular hair blog and unique company providing resources for African-American

women seeking to take control of their health and hair. *Sporty Afros* is a gathering place where women can discuss tips and ideas on how to take care of their hair while enjoying a physically active lifestyle.

This remarkable journey of fitness and health started almost five years ago when the pair first met. Each brought something different to the friendship Whitney in-

In 2010 *Sporty Afros* was created and over time so was *Sporty Afros* products Ayurvedic Oil and G+ Moisturizing Spray.

"Our audience was also looking for a specific product to use for daily workout routines, and by popular demand we created *Sporty Afros* products. Our products focus on keeping the hair moisturize and can be used before or after workouts," Whitney said.

Another big aspect of the blog is health and fitness. Williams and Patterson are both very adamant about keeping a healthy diet to help hair grow.

"Hair growth starts from the inside out and what you put in your body has an effect on your hair," stated Alex.

On the blog Alex shares simple and affordable meal prepping ideas to stay healthy. The blog also shares tutorials and tips to help women keep their hair looking healthy and fabulous while living a healthy life-style.

With so many women going the natural route, you have to ask yourself when it all started.

"For me, it started with the increase in bloggers and tweets about the natural hair movement and social media in general; being natural allows women to embrace themselves for who they are. Also I believe Chris Rock's movie *Good Hair*, played a big part as well," Alex shared.

Going natural is a process and requires a lot of attention to your hair. When asked about the "big chop" to go natural Whitney offered her take on the subject.

"I love chopping simply because it makes your hair grow faster when you chop off the entire perm. At first I was letting my



Alexandria Williams and Whitney Patterson

hair grow out than finally after five months I decided to chop off my hair. I kept it in sews-ins and braids and twist and it just grows a lot faster."

On the subject of perms both are not against perms, "I am not anti-perm, if you go to a professional who knows how to apply perms correctly and manages your hair right, that's great espe-

cially if that person is a great stylist," stated Alex. "There are plenty of women who get perms just once a year or every six months and that's ok because it works for them."

"For me, it started with the increase in bloggers and tweets about the natural hair movement and social media in general; being natural allows women to embrace themselves for who they are,"

Alexandria Williams

and everything else will fall into place," stated Whitney.

Alex shared one of the misconceptions she feels is "With the plethora of natural hair products flooding the market and more women embracing natural hair; women need

to understand that nothing can produce healthy hair if you are not living a healthy lifestyle. Healthy hair is a byproduct of a healthy body."

Both women continue to go the extra mile to help African American women to stay healthy and continue to grow healthy hair. Their future goals are to write a book and to expand their products into retail stores.

"A lot of research comes into play with having your own product it is a tough market, therefore any advice we could give anyone with coming up with their own hair product is research, research and make sure the product is formulated correctly to help women with their hair," stated both women.

Sporty Afros has been featured on sites like *Essence*, *Fox Sports*, *Black America Web* and *USA Triathlon*. Both women will continue to help black women achieve optimal health. To read more information or to view their blog visit Sporty-Afros.com.

The International Faith & Family Film Festival was an impressive companion to MegaFest

BY RUTH FERGUSON,
NDG EDITOR

For those of us who have never visited the Pot-

Kerry Washington; and the beautiful Oscar and Grammy winner herself Jennifer Hudson. Probably the other hottest name in

the life of Winnie Mandela starring Hudson.

During the festival a full episode was shown of *Bishop TD Jakes Presents Mind, Body & Soul* featuring R&B crooners Keith



Bishop T.D. Jakes

Sweat and Luke James, along with actors Lamman Rucker (*Meet the Browns*) and Laz Alonso (*This Christmas*). When interviewed before the screening started, Bishop Jakes was

asked to share something guests likely did not know about him. He shared, he did not learn to swim until he was 40. When he asked the host if he could swim,

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Holly Robinson Peete

ter's House in Dallas, or any of the previous MegaFest events, it was delightful to see how well run the massive event was managed. More impressive was the quality of guests and programming featured at not only the main event, but also the International Faith & Family Film Festival

film for this Oscar season is THE Ms. Oprah Winfrey, she was not at the festival but MegaFest guest enjoyed a taping of her Life Class with Bishop T.D. Jakes.

Bishop Jakes is clearly focused on raising the level of quality for Christian entertainment. Not only did



Jennifer Hudson

held in conjunction with MegaFest.

Two of the biggest names in African American film spoke at the film festival Ms. Olive Pope herself,

his organization kick off this film festival but also the Bishop is investing his "talents" with a new talk show and the production of a major motion picture on



Thicker Than Water The Tankers is a new Bravo reality show starring Bill and Jewel Tanker with their five children. It will appear after *Real Housewives of Atlanta* this fall. Bill described it as "Bill Cosby meets the Brady Bunch."



From left: Leanna Archer, Beverly Johnson, Roland Parrish, Gladys Knight, Dr. Steve Perry, Kenny Williams, and Charles Orgbon III.

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Program Returns Foreclosed Borrowers to Homeownership

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
NNPA COLUMNIST

In the aftermath of more than 2.5 million foreclosures, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) is now offering a homeownership program that will put previously troubled borrowers on a fast-tracked return to the homeownership market. The new program, known as "Back to Work – Extenuating Circumstance," cuts the standard three-year waiting period to only 12 months.

According to Charles Coulter, HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing,

"We understand that families occasionally experience financial difficulties that are simply beyond their control. We already have a policy allowing for exceptions to this

waiting period when there is an extraordinary life event. This Mortgage Letter is a targeted expansion of that policy.

"As part of FHA's ongoing mission" Coulter continued, "we want to make sure that qualified borrowers are not being unnecessarily shut out of the market. We're looking forward to working with our industry partners to strengthen our housing market, to protect FHA's insurance fund, and to make certain access to credit remains available for future generations of homeowners."

That's good news for borrowers who lost their home because of specific financial hardships but can now demonstrate they have regained previously lost financial ground. The list of eligible financial hardships reads like a list of housing crisis woes:

- Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 bankruptcy

- Deed-in-lieu

- Forebearance

- Foreclosure

- Loan modification

- Loss of income, employment or both that totaled at least 20 percent of previous earnings for at least six months, including copies of applicable termination notices or changes in employment status

- Pre-foreclosure sales

- Short sales

Additionally, consumers must also meet other verifiable measures to participate in the program:

- Proof of borrower's current income – usually W-2 forms or federal tax returns that show the desired mortgage would be affordable and sustainable;

- Credit history pre- and post the eligible hardship event that is free from late payments or other major credit issues, including rental housing payments and accounts delinquent by 30 days or more;

- Credit score of at least 500; and

- Housing counseling by a HUD-approved counselor at least 30 days but no more than six months before submitting an FHA application.

For consumers meeting all of these criteria as well as other standing FHA mortgage guidelines, the Back to Work program is now available nationwide through FHA-approved lenders. Once participating lenders determine that mortgage applicants meet all eligibility and policy criteria, the same 3.5 percent minimum

FHA down payment requirement will apply. Mortgage insurance and closing costs will also apply.

Only one FHA program is ineligible for the Back to Work program: reverse mortgages.

Earlier research by the Center for Responsible Lending found that more than 2.5 million homes were lost to foreclosure during the housing crisis. According to CoreLogic, a firm providing data and analysis to financial services companies and real estate professionals, the number of homes in some state of foreclosure dropped below the million-mark as of July 2013, to 949,000. This figure also represents a drop of 32 percent since July 2012.

Underwater mortgages, properties that are now worth less than their purchase price,

also continue to haunt housing recovery. As of May 2013, Core Logic, the firm specializing in residential property information, found that 11 states had more than 1-in-5 underwater homes. The states with the seven highest numbers of underwater properties were Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, California and Illinois.

As CRL has stated before, the housing crisis is not yet over. But programs that enable former troubled borrowers to regain the pride of homeownership and the chance to build family wealth have to be good news.

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the young man admitted he could not, leading Bishop Jakes to ask, "If God wanted to destroy African Americans, He would send a flood again!" After the laughter subsided, always

teaching, he shared the greatest lesson he learned from swimming is the need to relax. "If you don't relax, you can't float." The impressive show will kick off on BET on Oct. 6. [http://](http://www.bet.com/shows/tdejakes-mind-body-and-soul.html)

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On the Red Carpet Jennifer Hudson shared how much she enjoyed making the film *Winnie Mandela*,

which opens this Friday in Dallas and other select cities. Working on the project helped her, "To appreciate my freedom even more." She truly enjoyed being in Africa and working

with the children who helped her maintain her accent. In fact, she became so comfortable with her accent that when she returned to America, her first project was a commercial for

Weight Watchers. While filming, they stopped and asked her to drop the accent; she was surprised to discover she was still using it.

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tinuation of the unfinished work of building our more perfect union. To that end, we convened a Redeem the Dream summit on Friday, bringing together civil rights legends and new generation leaders for spirited discussions of the work that lies ahead as we confront both the progression and regression of equal opportunity in 21st century America. We, along with a coalition of civil rights, social justice, business and community leaders – the African American Leaders

Convening (AALC), also introduced our 21st Century Agenda for Jobs and Freedom joined.

While the agenda was developed during meetings in Washington in December 2012 and January 2013 with the help of the dozens of leaders that compose the AALC, the effort was led by the presidents of the National Urban League, the National Action Network, NAACP and the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation. This growing coalition has produced a domestic

policy agenda that lays out five urgent domestic goals for the nation:

- Achieve Economic Parity for African Americans

- Promote Equity in Educational Opportunity

- Protect and Defend Voting Rights

- Promote a Healthier Nation by Eliminating Healthcare Disparities

- Achieve Comprehensive Criminal Justice System Reform

The civil rights and legisla-

tive successes that followed the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom laid the foundation for the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and decades of progress. But, recently we have witnessed concerted efforts aimed at turning back the hands of progress in numerous areas from voting and civil rights to workers' rights and criminal justice. In addition, high unemployment and other economic, social and legal disparities that

continue to plague African Americans and low income and working class Americans underscore the urgency of our demand.

We cannot wave the flag of victory when so much work remains to be done. These injustices have, in fact, sparked the flame of a revitalized 21st Century Civil Rights Movement. The AALC will hold future meetings to discuss strategies and tactics in support of the agenda. We will also be calling

on elected officials and candidates to commit their support for the agenda and to work for its implementation. Until we meaningfully confront these challenges, we jeopardize our ability and potential as a nation to fully live up to our ideals of liberty and justice for all.

To read the full text of our 21st Century Agenda for Jobs and Freedom visit: <http://iamempowered.com/21st-century-agenda-for-jobs-and-freedom>.

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your strength, flexibility and endurance. And visit Women'sHealth.gov's Healthy Aging section for suggestions on handling age-related health challenges, from treating osteoporosis and caring for aging skin to preventing falls and understanding drug labels.

More than just "the blues" - Depression can take away your enthusiasm for the things and people you care about. It can creep in if you live with constant physical pain, are grieving a loved one or are

facing the loss of your independence. And it can be conquered. Learn how getting evaluated and treated by your doctor can help you get back to feeling like yourself again.

Chasing the pot of gold - Scammers never seem to run out of tricks. They offer fake health cures for arthritis or try to talk you into medical equipment you don't need. You might get high pressure phone calls urging you to give to a questionable charity or to try to get you to agree to a reverse

mortgage or investment scheme. But you don't have to be anybody's victim. With the FBI's extensive list of scams that target seniors, you can empower yourself to recognize and steer clear of con artists.

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Through September 11
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Through September 29
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September 5
Johnny Appleseed! -"A is for Apple" at Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd in Irving, 10 a.m. 972-252-2787

Havana NRG: Cuban Tropical Music Concert at Heritage Village Plaza, 837 W. Pipeline Rd. in Hurst, 7 to 8 p.m.

Dallas Business Networking Event at Acuity Systems, Inc. in Dallas, 7:30 a.m.

September 6
Stammtisch Zentrum-Dallas Goethe Center Summer Meetup at 3880 W. Northwest Hwy, 6 p.m. 214-357-4500

Trunk Show of Indian furniture and special art pieces at 2001 Irving Blvd, Suite 147 in Irving, 9.m to 5 p.m. 214-35

September 7
Bachelor Auction Fund-raiser at VIP Champagne Reception, 6 p.m. <http://www.tecotheater.org/bachelors.php>

Target First Saturdays/Free Admission at the Nasher at Nasher Sculpture Center, <http://www.nasher-sculpturecenter.org>
L.E.A.D. Conference at Concord in Dallas, 8:30 a.m.

Bachelor Auction Fund-raiser at VIP Champagne Reception, 6 p.m. <http://www.tecotheater.org/bachelors.php>

Caribbean Association of Texas Family Day Picnic & Cricket at Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel Dr. in Plano, 1 to 7 p.m. 469-203-1306

Know Your Rights: Silence is Golden (bilingual) at Law Office of Paul S.

Zoltan, 8610 Greenville Ave., Suite 100, 10 a.m. 214-320-3400

LibrayFest Diamond Jubilee and Book Sale at Lakewood Library, 6120 Worth Street, 10 a.m to 5 p.m. 214-670-1376

TeCo Theatrical Bachelor Auction Fundraiser at Bishop Arts Theater, 215 S. Tyler Street Dallas, 6.p.m. 214-948-0716

Weekly Citizenship Classes in Richardson at 201 W. Renner Rd in Richardson, 9 a.m to 12 p.m. 469-229-0590

3rd Annual Natural Hair Parade & Festival at Parade:Deep Ellum/mlk Festival:Pan african connection, 10:30 a.m.to 1:30 p.m. 214-329-3820

September 8
Quince Girl Expo at Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Frwy. North Hall, 12 p.m. 214-824-7495

Plano Bridal Show at 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, 972-712-9920

September 9
10th Annual Freedom Run & Festival at Dallas City Hall Plaza www.thefreedomrun.com

Dallas Career Fair at Dallas Marriott Suites Medical/Market Center 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

September 10
Fort Worth Rock Assembly at J & J Blues Bar 10:30 p.m. http://listings.dfw.com/fort_worth_tx/events/show/339329683-fort-worth-rock-assembly-ii

September 13
A Night to Remember 2013 featuring Diana Ross at CitySquare, 8 p.m. CitySquare.org/DianaRoss

September 14
Rogue Run at 2501 Oak Lawn Ave. <http://www.roguerunnerrace.com/event/s/texas13/>

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September 15
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September 19
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7th Annual International Potluck: Food for the thought at North Lake College,

September 20
Till Midnight at the Nasher at Nasher Sculpture Center, <http://www.nasher-sculpturecenter.org>

Plano Balloon Festival at Oak Point Park, 970-867-7566

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Mother of re-invention shares tips for finding work that feeds the soul

They're called second acts, encore careers or reinventing yourself – they're the completely new and different jobs people take in midlife or later.

Today, making that jump is more likely to be a matter of following the heart than it was during the throes of the economic recession, when professionals caught up in corporate layoffs discovered they were too old to find jobs in a poor market and too young to retire.

They started second careers not to follow a vocation but to pay the bills.

"I'm glad to see the tide turning again – especially for all the baby boomers who don't want to retire but do want to do something gratifying," says Betty Hechtman (<http://BettyHechtman.com>), who was on the eve of her 60th birthday when her first mystery series prompted a bidding war between St. Martin's Press

and Berkley Books.

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September 8, 8 a.m. And 9:30 a.m.

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September 11, 7 p.m.

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September 8, 9:30 a.m.

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She has since published eight "cozy mysteries," including her newest, "Yarn to Go" – the first in her Berkley Prime Crime Yarn Mystery series.

Hechtman has had a lot of practice reinventing herself. She has volunteered as a farm-worker on a kibbutz in Israel, waitressed and worked in retail sales, and made connections as a telephone operator, among a host of jobs.

"I've held jobs just for the paycheck and I've pursued my passions, so I know how profoundly different it is to do one versus the other," she says. "No matter what age you are, if there's work you feel called to, you should most definitely give it a try -- you may well experience a joy unlike any you've ever known."

Hechtman offers these tips for people considering an encore:

Do your homework. There's nothing more disappointing them jumping in to something new only to become disillusioned and frustrated because you didn't take the time to prepare. If your dream is to open a particular business, research the market. Is there a demand for what you hope to sell? Should you give it a trial run as an online business before investing in shop space and other overhead? Start by checking the resources at Score.org, a nonprofit supported by more than 12,000 volunteers dedicated to helping small businesses off the ground. For other encore pursuits, you might take classes or

spend a few hours a week working as a volunteer to learn the ropes.

Join a group of like-minded people. This is particularly helpful for aspiring artists who want to paint, play music, write a book or indulge some other creative talent. You can brush up on your skills and make valuable contacts by becoming a part of a community theater, joining a writers circle, or finding a group of hobbyists. You may find your skills develop much more quickly with the support and guidance of collegial peers who are all helping one another achieve a dream.

Consider working in one of the five most popular encore fields. Most people seek second their careers in health, education, government, environment and non-profits -- all fields expected to provide abundant job opportunities in the next couple of years, according to Encore.org, a nonprofit that supports second careers "for the greater good." If you need training to qualify, now is the time to get it, Hechtman says. "Invest now in the education, and you can soon have a job that feeds the heart, the mind -- and the body!"

Betty Hechtman is the author of "Yarn to Go," the first book in the Berkley Prime Crime Yarn Retreat mystery series, as well as the author of the best-selling Berkley Prime Crime Crochet mystery series. The eighth book, "For Better or Worst," comes out in November.

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Paul was a prisoner of Christ. He was under the order of One who is the Keeper of the key. It's one thing to be in jail but to be in prison that's a difference. When you're in prison, it's usually for a long time.

I am a prisoner of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Keeper of the key. I submit myself to His will and His

ways. He has ordered my steps to do according to His will and according to His good pleasure. Glory to God.

He has honored the one thing that I have desired. He has honored my desire to seek the more of Him and granted me the sacred promise of being able to dwell in His house all the days of my life.

When you are a prisoner in the Spirit you see no more in the natural world, but you see through the Christ that lives inside of you. It's not my will, but Thy will oh Lord.

When you are a prisoner of Christ, it's no more I, me and mine. God turns it into His. When you are a prisoner in the Spirit, things are not done according to what you want but what God knows is best.

How many prisoners in the natural world are able to do what they want? They are told when to wake up. They are told when to



Missionary Rhonda Johnson, she is a prisoner of Christ.

be quiet, when to eat, when to go outside and when it's time to go to sleep.

Don't be a prisoner in the natural world. But, a prisoner in the Spirit. Christians don't mind being a prisoner of Christ.

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Christ holding the key because we know Jesus Christ or the Keeper has nothing but good things for us. And because He is the Son of God we know His plan is the plan that is the Will of God.

We don't have to worry.

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Saints of God know His will is not an "ill-will" but

His Father's will. In His prison Saints are not caught up in other prisons that life has to offer. There are other kinds and types of prisons.

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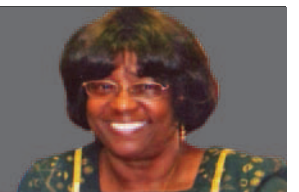
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Messum, you may need to reach for shark repellent.

Nash Lemont was having the best trip of his life.

He could feel the sun on his face, the sand under his back. He could smell salt water and hear lap-lap-lap of the ocean. It was so real. That last hit of heroin he had must've been some good stuff.

But as Nash struggled awake, he realized that what he was feeling was no mere heroin trip. No, he was actually *on a beach*, along with five other people: a huge black man, a Hispanic *chica*, some skinny kid, a man with dreadlocks, and girl who might've been pretty if she



didn't have arms full of tracks.

Junkies, every one of 'em, it was obvious.

But where they were and why... that was a good question.

Nash wasn't even sure how he got to the beach. He

remembered a cold-eyed dude staring at him at the grocery store, and two precisely-chiseled men who followed him to a Miami club, but that was all. Once they stopped their petty bickering, his compatriots had similar stories. They all remembered encountering some creep, just before they'd gotten ahold of the best heroin they'd ever had – and then, nothing.

The solution to their bafflement was in a trunk half-buried in sand.

The trunk held sandwiches and water, and a message that directed them to an island to the north. There, they'd find

more provisions and a box of that excellent smack.

They only had a short swim to get there.

On a yacht just beyond the beach, Captain Greer peered through binoculars at the junkies on the sand. He and his men used to be the most secret of Secret Ops, and they hated addict scum for a number of reasons. A little game in shark-infested waters was a very nice diversion...

You can't live without chocolate. You need your morning coffee. Nearly everybody has a secret little craving, which is why I think "Bait" resonates so well.

It also seems that everyone's fascinated with

the ferocity of sharks, a squirm that author J. Kent Messum uses to its blood-and-guts fullest here. Written with a biting wit, sharp characters that are curiously likeable, greed, horror, and a surprising ending, this novel comes from beneath, seizes you in its teeth, and shakes. Really: what more could you want?

If you're worried about sharks in tornadoes, that's nothing. Sharks keeping you from something you want... now, *there's* a story. If that sounds good to you (and who can resist a shark book?), then "Bait" is a novel you'll want to reach for.

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I'm not talking about buildings. An individual can be a prisoner of many things. He/She could be a prisoner of an abusive person. One could be a prisoner to a drug.

A person could be a prisoner of cigarettes or alcohol even when they don't want to. A prisoner to drugs or alcohol will take drugs or drink alcohol to excess. There are even prisoners to the flesh. Prisoners to the wrong jail-keepers.

Because God is merciful. It is not His will that any should perish. Any

one, yes even you and me. Thank you Jesus.

You can be free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. Christians are empowered. They are therefore free. Saints of God are anointed to stand fast.

In the midst of adversity we can stand because we are free and have liberty in Jesus. We are no more entangled with the yoke of bondage.

Christians stand fast in the freedom wherein Christ hath made us free. No more entangling ourselves in the affairs of this



life; having escaped the pollutions of this world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We now have a mind to be a prisoner to the things that please the Lord. Be glad on today if you are prisoner of Christ. You have been released from being a prisoner of the

world. You are no longer bound but set free.

Saints are "free prisoners." Yeah, see, that's how it works in God. He uses the foolish things to baffle the wise.

A wise man says, "How can you be a prisoner and be free? How are you moving about freely? Prisoner can't move like they want to. Prisoners don't have the freedom to live like they want to. However, the saved-in-Christ can triumphantly say, "I'm free indeed and I walk in the liberty of God.

Acts 17:28 says, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being;" Chosen to live in Him. Free to live in Him. Free to move in Him. Be a prisoner of Christ.

Isaiah 43:10 says, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the

Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me."

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