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## Will 'Vehicles for Hire' leave Southern Dallas?

BY REV. JERRY CHRISTIAN AND REV. S.C. NASH

From our vantage point as Southern Dallas pastors we often see a number of developing community trends before they become common knowledge.

The taxi versus limo-style black car "ride for

hire" competition has quietly simmered into a very nasty fight. And our community may become the biggest loser.

Right now taxicabs are an extension of public transportation. Taxis are regulated by city ordinance and taxis must provide 24-hour service, seven days a week, to all areas of Dallas.



Dr. Jerry L. Christian, Sr.

Right now the leading black car for hire service provider cherry picks and profiles its customers.

To hire their vehicle a potential customer must have a credit card on file and agree to pay in advance when requesting service on his or her smart phone. Unlike taxis, black cars don't

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## From rock hard tator tots to salad bars, It's National School Lunch Week and the lunch tray has come a long way

BY MONIFA BANDELE, SENIOR CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR MOMSRISING.ORG

Remember leg warmers and when ketchup was a vegetable? Is it just me or have the 80's been making a comeback? I can't



get the sound of my kids singing Another one Bites the Dust in the car on the way to school out of my head. When I was a kid, I sang the song too! I remember imagining someone actually eating dust, or worse, my school lunch.

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## South Garland High School assistant principal named Educator of the Year

South Garland High School Assistant Principal Kimberly Thomas recently received an award 18 years in the making. The Garland branch of the NAACP named Thomas the Educator of the Year.

"I feel extremely honored to hold this presti-



gious title," said Thomas. "It is the biggest award that I've received in all my years of education."

Beginning her career in 1995 at Dallas ISD, Garland NAACP President Ricky McNeal and SGHS Asst. Principal Kimberly Thomas. Photo courtesy of the Garland branch of the NAACP.

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## Dr. Ben Carson: 'Gifted Hands,' Foot in Mouth

BY GEORGE E. CURRY

(NNPA) Dr. Ben Carson became the darling of conservatives earlier this year by stridently attacking the Affordable Care Act with President Barack Obama sitting just a few feet away. Carson, who was serving as the keynote speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast at the White House, said,

"Here's my solution: When a person is born, give him a birth certificate, an electronic med-

ical record, and a health savings account to which money can be contributed – pretax – from the time you're born 'til the time you die. When you die, you can pass it on to your family members, so that when you're 85 years old and you got six diseases, you're not trying to spend up everything. You're happy to pass it on and there's nobody talking about death panels.

"Number one. And also, for the people who

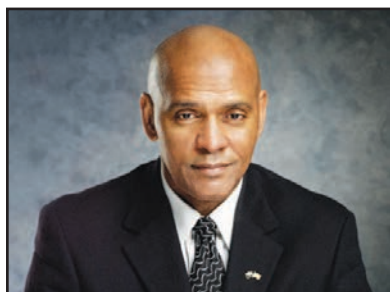
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## Roland Parrish

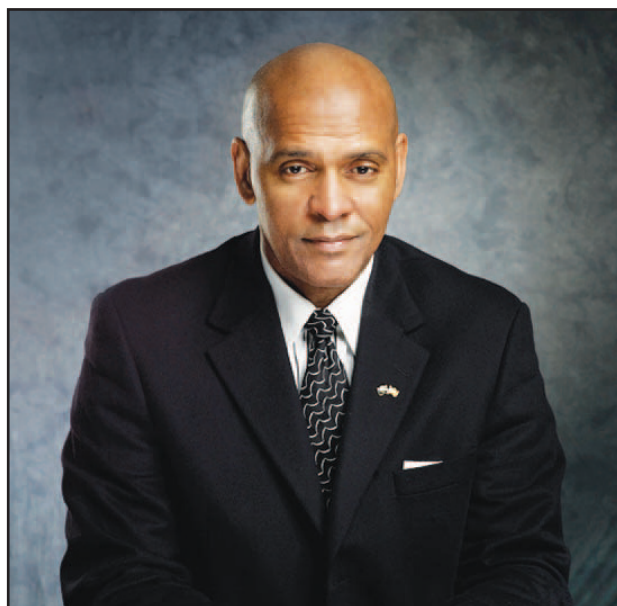
DALLAS — Roland Parrish, President and CEO of 26 Parrish McDonald's Restaurants, and Chair and CEO of the National Black McDonald's Operators Association (NBMOA), will serve as the motivational speaker for the Humanitarian Hands Charities "What if...?" gala event October 19, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Dallas Central-Park Cities, 6070 North Central Expressway. The gala is the premier fundraising and awareness event for the or-

ganization, which sheds light on the issues surrounding Ugandan orphaned youth.

The event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with a V.I.P. reception and silent auction preview, followed by a dinner and presentation program featuring Dr. Isador Lieberman, Director of the Scoliosis and Spine Tumor Programs at the Texas Back Institute and founder of the Uganda Spine Surgery Mission. DeLores Pressley, personal power expert and

coach of the Born Successful Institute, will serve as the mistress of ceremonies. Entertainment will be provided by Dallas musical group Chosen.

According to the Uganda Ministry of Health, 70,000 to 100,000 children die each year as a direct result of diseases. Many people die of common infections, cuts, bug bites and treatable ailments, simply because they do not have common antiseptics or medicine. Proceeds from the fundraising gala event will go towards building the Ray of Hope Medical



Clinic to help save the people in the Fort Portal, Uganda community.

Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased online at [www.hhcharities.org](http://www.hhcharities.org) or you can mail a check to the Humanitarian Hands Charities office, 9304 Forest Lane Suite South 125, Dallas, Texas 75243. Questions can be directed to (972) 331-6098. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

To learn more about the Ray of Hope Medical Clinic, visit [www.hhcharities.org](http://www.hhcharities.org).

## Baruti Kafele

(BlackNews.com) — Back in 1990, after only two years of teaching in Brooklyn, NY and East Orange, NJ respectively, renowned educator, Baruti Kafele had the audacity to write a handbook for Black parents to assist them with educating their children. He entitled the book, *A Black Parent's Handbook to Educating Your Children (Outside of the Classroom)*. He consequently left the classroom temporarily after his first two years of teaching to devote his life to getting *A Black Parent's Handbook* into the hands

of thousands of parents throughout the U.S. In 1992, he returned to the classroom but continued to devote a substantial amount of energy to promoting *A Black Parent's Handbook* and it eventually became an *Essence Magazine* number one best seller in 2002. It is now in its 22nd year of empowering a whole new generation of Black parents.

Kafele says that the motivation for writing this book was that he was meeting and working with so many well-intentioned parents who wa-



nted to assist their children through the educational process but simply didn't know what to do or where to start. He frowns upon the notion that parents are not involved or don't want to be involved in their children's lives, educationally speaking. He instead asserts that parents absolutely want to be involved but are simply in need of strategies that they can easily and readily implement during the time that their children are at home.

*A Black Parent's Handbook* is comprised of the following topics:

- \* Preparation for Success
- \* Reading for Success

\* Setting Goals for Success

\* Studying and Testing for Success

\* Communicating for Success

\* Collaborating for Success

\* Distractions for Success

*A Black Parent's Handbook* is not a long book — it's only 74 pages. It's not a difficult read either. Instead, it is a guide providing strategies and suggestions for parents to utilize toward the educational growth and development of their children and should be referred to regularly. Over the past 22 years, parents have

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## Dr. Condoleezza Rice

(BlackNews.com) — The Links, Incorporated and The



Links Foundation, Incorporated are pleased to announce the induction of Condoleezza Rice, Ph. D., as an honorary member. Currently a professor of Political Economy in the Graduate School

of Business; the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior

Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution; and a professor of Political Science at Stanford University, Rice is one of the most influential women in the world of global politics.

The induction ceremony, presided over by the national president of The Links, Incorporated and The Links Foundation, Incorporated, Margot James Copeland, was held October 4 in Palo Alto, Calif. with more than 250 members of the organization in attendance. "Dr. Rice embodies the creed of our organization — service, friendship and leadership," said Copeland. "Her distinguished career in academia and groundbreaking service to our nation and the world at large as our country's National Security Advisor and Secretary of State, truly serve as an inspiration for all. We are proud to welcome Condoleezza Rice into the sisterhood of The Links, Incorporated."

The Links bestow honorary membership upon individuals who are widely recognized nationally and

internationally for outstanding and exemplary services rendered to their communities. Dr. Rice joins the esteemed company of Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, international opera star Mattiwillda Dobbs, the incomparable Leontyne Price, the late Honorable Constance Baker Motley, iconic Marion Anderson, Honorable Patricia Roberts Harris, educator Elizabeth Koontz, and the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement," Rosa Parks, as an honorary member of the organization.

Growing up in the segregated South, Rice has broken many barriers and accomplished many firsts. She was the first woman and first African American to serve as provost for Stanford University from 1993 to 1999. In assuming the role of the 66th Secretary of State of the United States in 2005, Rice became the second

woman and the first African-American woman to hold this trusted position.

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## Miscalculating Multiculturalism in America

(NNPA) Given the political gridlock in Washington that's pushed the country to the brink of economic calamity and caused needless distress to millions, one might think America has rarely been more polarized, more "dis-united." Actually, the opposite is true. American society – in terms of expanding democracy to all of its citizens – has never been more unified. That's why the country seems so dis-united.

That assertion seems contradictory – unless you view the current scene through the prism of that adage and basic principal of chemistry: every action provokes a reaction.

Accordingly, the budget and debt-ceiling crisis the

Republican Party engineered this fall is just the latest expression of the conservative movement's virulent reaction to Barack Obama's presidency and the changes in American society that emerged and coalesced to make that extraordinary breakthrough happen.

Those changes principally stem from the growing numbers of Black Americans, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans. Their political activism and joining within the Democratic Party with gays and lesbians, and politically progressive White men and women have in little more than a decade transformed American politics from its old, overwhelmingly Black-and-White affair.

That multiracial, multicultural coalition twice produced electoral success for the Democratic Party, underscoring the fact that dramatic demographic changes have come to fruition far sooner than the conventional wisdom had predicted less than two decades ago.

It's also produced something else: more proof that multiculturalism works.

If you'll recall, that wasn't supposed to be true. Instead, from the early 1990s well into the first term of George W. Bush's presidency, plenty of centrist and conservative scholars and pundits sneered that multiculturalism was just so much empty ethnic boasting and advocacy of self-segrega-

tion, pushed by "romantic ideologues and unscrupulous hucksters."

Those specific words and more general assertions come from the late Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.'s 1991 bestseller, *The Disuniting of America: Reflections on a Multicultural Society*.

The title, of course, tells the tale. Schlesinger, a former adviser to President John F. Kennedy and a celebrated historian, characterized multiculturalism as a pernicious, divisive force that threatened the long-held, traditional vision of the nation as "one people" united by a common culture. He was particularly harsh toward Afrocentric educa-

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were indigent who don't have any money we can make contributions to their HSA [Health Savings Account] each month because we already have this huge pot of money. Instead of sending it to some bureaucracy, let's put it in their HSAs. Now they have some control over their own health care."

Predictably, the Right wing rushed to embrace him. Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and the crew at Fox News were ecstatic that a prominent Black neurosurgeon shared their world view. Jonah Goldberg, a columnist for the Right-wing National Review, compared Carson to racial apologist Booker T. Washington. David Graham, writing in The Atlantic, called him Herman Cain without the "personal skeletons." And the conservative Wall Street Journal ran an op-ed under the headline, "Ben Carson for President."

Carson became a paid contributor to Fox News, was hired to write a weekly column for the Right-wing Washington Times, and became in demand as a speaker at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) and any national event that attracts more than three conservatives.

Professionally, Carson is no dumb man. He earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his M.D. from the University of Michigan. At the age of 33, he became director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, the youngest major division director in the school's history.

In 1987, he led a 70-member surgical team that separated twins who had been joined at the back of the head. After the successful 22-hour surgery, Carson gained national recognition. His autobiography, *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*, was published in 1992. The book recounts how his mother, Sonya, reared him and his older brother, Curtis, after she and her husband, Robert, divorced when Ben was 8 years old. In 2009, TNT released a television movie with the same title as his book, starring Cuba Gooding, Jr. as Ben Carson. In 2008, George W. Bush presented Carson with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Carson has made several controversial remarks after his appearance at the White House. In March, he said on Fox TV: "Marriage is between a man and a woman. No group, be they gays, be they NAMBLA

[North American Man/Boy Love Association], be they people who believe in bestiality, it doesn't matter what they are. They don't get to change the definition."

Under pressure, Carson withdrew as commencement speaker for the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He also apologized for "not the best choice of words," called his critics racist, and then apologized again.

Of all of his outrageous comments, his latest one ranks among the most egregious.

Speaking at a Voter Values Summit, Carson said, "I have to tell you that Obamacare is, really, I think, the worst thing that's happened to this nation since slavery. It was never about healthcare, it was about control."

First, the Affordable Care Act does what its proper title implies – it makes health care affordable to millions of people, including the uninsured. If making insurance more affordable, not allowing insurance companies to reject people with pre-existing conditions and allowing children to remain on their parents' insurance policies until they are 26 years old isn't about healthcare, the esteemed neurosurgeon

doesn't know the definition of healthcare.

Second, any idiot knows that having access to healthcare is not worse than slavery.

Enslaved Africans had no rights, as the Supreme Court ruled in its 1857 Dred Scott decision, "which the white man was bound to respect." They were brutalized, degraded, whipped, killed, and raped at the whim of the slave master. Marriage was not recognized and the slave codes in various states made it illegal to teach Blacks to read or write.

The Affordable Health Care Act is worse than that?

It's a ridiculous comparison. At the rate he is going, Carson's photograph will be slapped on boxes of rice. Dr. Ben will be more appropriately known as Uncle Ben.

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## The Shutdown and the Refuge of School food

BY KATHLEEN ROGERS

For many kids, school food provides the main source of nutrition they receive on a daily basis. During the government shutdown, this program is especially critical for our children due to cuts in the SNAP and other supplemental nutrition programs as well as the sudden disappearance of millions of paychecks. But even our school lunch program is in jeopardy. Some school districts are now reporting that if the shutdown is not resolved by November 1, their free and reduced-price lunch program will take a major hit. Suddenly the fractures and nuttiness that pervades Washington may result in hundreds of



thousands of hungry children

Make no mistake: The school breakfast and lunch programs feed millions of children who really need it. During the economic decline, the number of children registering for the National School Lunch Program has climbed – up 25 percent in some states.

And it's not just the ability to provide food, but what kids actually get to eat at school, which fortunately has been improving. Over the past year, 50 million school kids saw the promise of a healthier lunch menu thanks to the "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act." The program requires schools to serve more fresh

fruits, vegetables and whole grains as well as more sources of lean protein, and encourages school gardens and nutrition education programs.

New federal regulations for school lunches and vending machines start taking effect next year. Under the new rules, vending machine food has to be healthier, and contain mostly fruits, vegetables, protein, or dairy or contain at least 50 percent whole grains. There is an outright ban on soda and caps on calories that come from sweetening additives, saturated fat, sodium, and sugar.

Thankfully obesity rates are starting to decline. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) studied the issue and found the obesity rate for

poor children fell in 18 states and the Virgin Islands between 2008 and 2011. The CDC reports that new nutrition standards played a role in many states, including Mississippi which saw its childhood obesity rate drop by 13 percent in only five years.

We all know that fresh food, if prepared properly, delivers more nutrients, reduces carbon emissions, connects schools to their communities and benefits the local economy. Studies have proven that what kids are eating impacts their test scores; their ability to concentrate; the levels of school violence; and students' good feelings about themselves.

Given the impact that the shutdown is having on

our country's poor children and their ability to eat, it is somewhat ironic that this week begins National School Lunch Week, which runs from October 14th to October 18th this year. During this time of government shutdown, we are reminded what a vital program school lunch is and how it can be transformed to better meet nutritional needs. The week-long observance, which is a largely untapped opportunity to continue the badly needed conversation about our children's health, creates a nationwide platform to continue the revolution that has been started.

*Rogers is president of Earth Day Network. This column was provided via American Forum newswire.*

## Fall Car Care Clinics

October is Fall Car Care Month, and in the Dallas-Fort Worth area 25 repair shops are hosting free car care clinics October 14-26.

The car care clinics focus on basic vehicle

maintenance that can help prolong the life of a vehicle, ensure it operates safely, reduce ozone-causing pollution and increase fuel efficiency. Everything from how to change a flat tire and

check oil and fluids to how to check belts, hoses and wiper blades are explained.

Time, date and location for each car care clinic is online at [www.nctcog.org/carcareclinics](http://www.nctcog.org/carcareclinics).

## North Texas Women Crusade to Get 100,000 Signatures of Women Who Pledge to Say No to Married Men

Dallas, TX - Chanel Price knows all too well the trap of dating married men. She has chronicled her journey and lessons learned in a new book *The Mistress Trap*. Her experience has lead her to launch a crusade to bring awareness to a culture of increasing infidelity.

Chanel encourages all women to take the fidelity pledge on her web site and in her book. Anyone can be vulnerable to an affair with a married man. She is encouraging all single and married women to take the pledge and enter an accountability relationship with a woman that they trust. She hopes that by bringing the issue to mind before the opportunity for infidelity presents itself, it will decrease the likelihood that it will happen, thus

curtailing a soaring divorce rate.

She is hosting book signings, social media events, attending parties, festival and speaking to groups to garner 100,000 signatures from Texas women who will take the pledge to say no to married men.

"A trap set, whether intentional or unintentional is still a trap," says Chanel.

In her new 113-page paperback book, she details her story of dating married man and offers advice on how to avoid the traps set for women in these kinds of relationships.

"I pray that through this inside look you can see the grave deception of *The Mistress Trap* and will make a decision to be the catalyst for change and break this evil cycle once and for all,"



she said.

For women who are interested in taking the pledge, they can go to [www.themistress-trap.com](http://www.themistress-trap.com) to find out how. Anyone interested in Chanel bringing the pledge to their group, church, or event, can e-mail her at [cprice@themistress-trap.com](mailto:cprice@themistress-trap.com).

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National School Lunch Week also has me thinking way, way back to chocolate milk, square pizza slices (that needed a buzz saw to cut), rock hard tater tots, and a heaping side order of ketchup. Nostalgia?

I know I am dating myself, but I also vaguely remember my parents and others getting fired up about the controversial proposal about what constituted a vegetable for school lunches. It all started like this: The Omnibus Reconciliation Acts of 1980 and 1981 reduced the budget of the Federal School Lunch Program by 25 percent! So, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service issued a proposal to allow school food services directors to expand (or better yet, cheapen) which food items fit the guidelines for "vegetables". The proposal went as far as listing pickle relish, as an example of a substitute for veggies.

Needless to say, this proposal sparked considerable outrage among parents, educators and public health officials. The most well know condiment, ketchup, became the movement's poster child for "veggies gone bad." Finally, the proposal to upgrade condiments into the elite realm of the vegetable food group was withdrawn before the end of 1981 and never implemented.

It's a new day! But, it's a long time coming.

That incident, more than 30 years ago, gave rise to a movement that has helped to lay the groundwork for today's huge steps forward in school nutrition. Parents have been speaking out and, all over the country state, local, and school-based polices have given rise to salad bars, school gardens, and healthier options in the lunch line. Even better, this year, new national guidelines are tak-

ing effect from coast to coast.

The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2011 has made way for lunchroom standards that require more whole grains and double the amount of fruits and vegetables! Many people thought the new guidelines would be a heavy or impossible lift for schools; but parents remained vigilant in speaking out, taking action, and letting all decision-makers know that better nutrition in schools is critical and doable. And, we were right! Last week, the USDA announced that so far 80 percent of schools are serving healthier meals that meet the upgraded nutrition standards.

Like all parents, I hope that the images of poor quality school lunches that are low on nutrition and high on fat, salt, and sugar become extinct. I'd also like to limit leg warmers to re-enactments of Flash Dance.

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Thomas taught Algebra I and II for 10 years. She then joined GISD in 2005 as a teacher at Sachse High School before becoming an administrator at SGHS one year later. Though Thomas is no longer in the classroom, she has not lost her passion for teaching. In addition to her day job, she also instructs an online Algebra class at the University of Phoenix.

"I just love math," Thomas said. "I did not want to lose that passion because I was no longer in the classroom."

Keeping her fire for education alive, Thomas also remains passionate about her students.

"They are the reason I am here," she said. "I want to make sure they graduate from high school and have a successful future. I always tell the kids

that the biggest gift they can give me is to come back several years after graduating to show me successful they have become."

Thomas received her Educator of the Year award at the NAACP Garland's Freedom Fund brunch Sept. 14. President Ricky McNeal recognized her with a commemorative trophy.



## Holocaust survivor will share experience on Oct. 17 at SMU

DALLAS (SMU) — Nearly 70 years to the day Philip Bialowitz escaped from the Nazi death camp Sobibor, the Holocaust survivor will share his powerful story at SMU Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in McCord Auditorium, 306 Dallas Hall.

Sponsored by SMU's Embrey Human Rights

Program, the event will be free and open to the public. Bialowitz, 83, will discuss his story of rebellion and survival alongside his son, Joseph.

Bialowitz is reportedly one of only eight living survivors from an extermination camp where some 250,000 people were killed

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## Children invited to enjoy Halloween events at Irving Mall

IRVING— With nearly 158 million consumers participating in Halloween activities this year, Simon Property Group, Inc. a leading global retail real estate company, is helping communities make the most of the exciting, eerie seasonal occasion. Irving Mall will host its annual Simon Kidgits Club Halloween event on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5 – 8 p.m., providing children the chance to enjoy the fall holiday with a special spooky experience that's close to home.

In celebration of Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment's Blu-ray/DVD releases of children's movies *The Croods* (Oct. 1), *Monsters vs. Aliens: Cloning Around* (Oct. 15), *Kung Fu Panda: Legends of Awesomeness: The Scorpion Sting* (Oct. 15) and *Dragons Riders of Berk Part 1 and Part 2* (July 23), kids can partake in even more activities inspired by the films:

- **Creepy, cool crafts:** Make a mask from *The Croods*, try out *Monsters vs. Aliens: Cloning Around* temporary tattoos or design a flying dragon to mirror the character Hiccup from *Dragons Riders of Berk*, all in the spirit getting creative for Halloween.

- **Engaging games & photo opportunities:** Get in on the *Kung Fu Panda* chopstick game and snap a photo with a life-sized *The Croods* standee to capture the terrific experience.

- **Trick-or-treat take-homes:** Walk away with *The Croods* treat bag, Kidgits member-exclusive Halloween goodie, chance to win one of these popular DVD ti-

bles, coupons for parents and other surprises for families.

In addition, parents and costumed kids can enjoy traditional seasonal offerings during the family-friendly special celebration. Interactive Halloween event activities include: bounce house fun, face paint and temporary tattoo station, costume parade, spooky crafts, mall-wide trick-or-treating, and more!

"Irving Mall is privileged to be able to provide the community with such a safe place to gather and experience the fun of Halloween, while shopping for décor, costumes and candy," said Liz Barth, Director of Marketing & Business Development. "Our Simon Kidgits Club looks forward to delivering a platform for families to truly experience the holiday through our festive events."

The Simon Kidgits Club is a fun and informative program that focuses on health, wellness, education, safety and entertainment for children ages 3-8. Since 2003, the Simon Kidgits Club has kept children and parents alike amused with various events and activities while providing incentives for club members, such as special offers, rewards and games.

Kidgits Club members receive a variety of perks and goodies, including a Kidgits Club T-shirt, membership card, birthday gift, chance to spin the prize wheel each visit to the mall, discounts and scheduled activities. For more information about the Simon Kidgits Club, visit <http://www.simon.com/kidgits/>.



**Curtis Report**  
by Barry Curtis

As if it was a soft breeze over the Texas landscape the once lauded Texas teacher incentive program faded into the dusk.

We conservatives hailed this as the future of educational pay in this country. Nearly half of Texas teachers some 180 thousand educators received bonuses under the teacher incentive pay plan over two years ago.

**Come on conservatives we can do better!** In 2011 the Texas state legislature voted massive funding cuts to the merit pay program. This year's funding however has put the nail in the coffin of this one time cutting edge approach. The budget fell from an all-time high of \$392 million to some \$24 million dollars this year.

## Texas Teachers and students deserve better from us conservatives

The funding to bonuses was cut 90%

**Come on conservatives we can do better!** The average teacher salary in Texas is \$48,110.00 a year. The national average for teacher pay is \$56,383. We conservatives have a right to our own opinions but not our own set of facts! The facts are clear my conservative brethren we have failed our teachers!

**Come on conservatives we can do better!** Texas routinely ends up on the bottom of the nation's educational scales. Texas now ranks 44th in graduation rates. Frankly we get a 44th ranking instead of the actual 50th ranking we deserve because the national studies don't take into account the dropout rate amongst Texas teens. According to the Dallas morning news; "Texas has dropped to

49th in spending per pupil and is now more than \$3,000 below the U.S. average — or about \$66,000 less per elementary classroom — according to new comparisons by the National Education Association." The report went on to say "Texas schools are spending \$8,400 per student in the current school year, well under the national average of \$11,455. Only Arizona and Nevada spend less among the 50 states and the District of Columbia."

**Conservatives we can do better!** It's clear that the local school systems can do a more efficient job of running their respective districts. Oversized administrative staff, inflated salaries of principles and upper level educational employees can be dealt with. However no amount of cutting will translate into competent teachers, a

vigorous curriculum and a motivated staff like a concerted bipartisan approach to education in Texas.

**Conservatives we must do better!** We don't have to look far to see our needs and challenges. Take a glance at the high tech companies that litter the landscape of Austin Texas. Take a gander at the amazing cutting edge medical capabilities of UT South Western and Houston medical center. What will NASA look like in Houston without an educated base? I shudder to think about the future of the financial power base of Dallas without an educated populous in Texas.

Conservatives we can be just as well served in the classroom as well as the boardroom.

The Curtis report is available at [www.thecurtisreport.com](http://www.thecurtisreport.com).

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bly in June 2012, the organization bestowed upon Rice the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award in Orlando, Fla. This award honors individuals who epitomize the organization's founding tenets of friendship and service and who have significantly improved the quality of life for those

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## NTTA offers \$20 starter tolltag for infrequent users

PLANO – The North Texas Tollway Authority is introducing a new way to get a TollTag, the most cost-efficient and conven-

ient way to travel NTTA roads. More than half of current NTTA ZipCash customers describe themselves as infrequent users.

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tolls electronically from a prepaid account through the use of a convenient TollTag transponder sticker mounted on a vehicle

windshield. Each time a TollTag user passes through a toll gantry, the toll is deducted straight from a prepaid account.

The new Starter TollTag is designed for motorists who drive toll roads less frequently. If a Starter

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## Thelma Elizabeth Page Richardson Elementary School to hold Dedication Ceremony

DALLAS--Dallas ISD will hold a dedication ceremony for the new Thelma Elizabeth Page Richardson Elementary at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, at the school located at 7203 Bruton Rd.

Dallas ISD Trustee Bernadette Nutall, District 9, will be joined by Dallas ISD Chief of School Leadership Sylvia Reyna, Executive Di-



Thelma Elizabeth Page Richardson

rector Israel Cordero, Richardson Principal Courtney Thomas and Rita Cloman, president, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Alpha XI Omega Chapter, to celebrate the occasion.

Student performances featuring the school's fourth- and fifth-grade choirs and the John B. Hood Middle School JROTC will highlight the event.

Richardson opened this fall and currently serves 600 students in prekindergarten through fifth grade. The two-story, 96,250 square-foot building is one of three new buildings to open this school year under the 2008 Bond program.

The school is named for longtime Dallas educator and plaintiff in a successful 1942 lawsuit that led to equal pay

for white and black teachers.

A world languages teacher, Thelma Elizabeth Page Richardson (1911-1996) made history with a groundbreaking lawsuit filed Dec. 23, 1942, with the Negro Teachers' Alliance of Dallas. With assistance from NAACP Chief Counsel Thurgood Marshall, she sought to equalize the salaries of black and white

Dallas teachers who had the same qualifications.

Her goal was achieved and salaries were made equal in the years that followed the successful lawsuit. Throughout the remainder of her career, Richardson's reputation as a civil rights pioneer grew to match her stature as a much-revered teacher at Lincoln, Booker T. Washington and North Dallas high schools.

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accept cash.

According to its app-based website, debit and prepaid credit cards are not accepted either.

That means black car service is out of reach for a number of our members since debit and prepaid cards may be their only credit cards.



Stephen C. Nash, Sr. PhD., Pastor

Many have regular cell phones; not smart phones, which mean they can't even order the leading "app-based" black car service.

Unfortunately, people of color know a lot about profiling. From redlining loans to walking at your own risk in upscale neighborhoods, "profiling" to us conjures up ugly historical barriers.

Our history is full of documented profiling; and profiling, whether done secretly or done in plain sight, has not been good for us.

Simply stated, our community leadership must proactively monitor what happens with the taxi versus black car tug-of-war. Then we must speak with a clear,

strong and unified voice to our elected officials.

This issue is important because a number of our worshippers and community residents use vehicles for hire (primarily DART and its paratransit services) in their daily routine.

If left to fight it out on their own terms, non-transit related commercial 'vehicles for hire' will soon leave or severely cut back service to Southern Dallas, an area where about 45 percent of Dallas' population lives.

Why are we sending a clarion call to those who represent us to do their duty in regulating balanced 'for hire' vehicle service?

Because if we remain silent, "for hire" services: taxis and black cars; will re-deploy their vehicles above Interstate 30, focusing on Uptown and DFW area airports.

Right now if we were to grade taxi companies serving Southern Dallas, we would give taxis a service to community grade of "C".

If we were to grade black cars for hire, we would give an "I" for "incomplete" because there simply are not enough black cars serving our community.

Black cars go to more affluent areas because that is where they believe the big tips and higher fares are. As

an unregulated for hire service, they can continue to ignore our community without penalty.

If the city does not force all service providers to play by the same regulated rules, finding a taxi in Southern Dallas may become as rare as finding a black car for hire.

Dallas City Council can fix this.

It is our prayer that Mayor Mike Rawlings and the entire Dallas City Council will continue to help Dallas 'Grow South' by providing uniform vehicle for hire service both North and South of Interstate 30.

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## What's in our Shopping Carts?

BY CHERYL  
PEARSON-MCNEIL

(NNPA) With a current buying power of \$1 trillion, manufacturers and marketers should be paying careful attention to the shopping patterns of African-American consumers.

The latest report on Black consumers, *Resilient, Receptive and Relevant: The African-American Consumer 2013 Report*, illustrates how much of that spending breaks down: Our annual retail spending makes up 87 percent of the total market retail spending, while retail spending for the Total Market accounts for 70 percent. This is a narrow gap in retail spending between Blacks and the Total Market, which indicates our importance as Black consumers. We shell out 30 percent more of our annual income than the Total Market as well.

So now that you have a glimpse as to where the bulk of our household income is spent, let's take a look at where that spending occurs. Annually, African-Americans, make 154 shopping trips, which is eight trips more than other groups. We average, 20 trips to dollar stores, seven trips more; 15 trips to convenience/gas stores, which is two more than any other group and 15 trips to drug stores, which is one more than any other groups. Less time is spent at grocery stores, with three fewer trips. The exception to grocery store shopping, though, is with Blacks who earn upwards of \$100,000 annually. We also make three fewer trips to warehouse stores and two fewer trips to mass merchandisers than the Total Market. However, more upper-income Blacks (73 percent) shop at warehouse clubs than non-Blacks annually.

The Centers for Disease Control has identified a phenomenon specific to some of our communities known as "food deserts" or "retail deserts." We all know you won't find some large chains in some urban areas. And, some existing grocery stores simply don't carry the freshest, most nutritious foods. This might explain the occurrences and store prefer-

ences of food shopping trips in the African-American community. As the data also shows, African Americans tend to frequent retail stores located in our communities. Consequently, there is an opportunity for expansion of

both affordable, quality product variety and actual stores in our neighborhoods. In an effort to try to attack this "food desert" trend, the Whole Foods chain, plans to build a store in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood.

Another retail area that's big for us is ethnic health and beauty care products — I know, no shocker there, right? We spend more than nine times more than any other demographic on Ethnic Hair and Beauty Aids. Sure, of course there are other hair

care products on the shelves, but those products are not identified as ethnic, but they can lead to tremendous market growth opportunities, as Blacks' hair care spending within traditional CPG retailers is underdeveloped compared to the total market.

In fact, 46 percent of Black households shop at Beauty Supply Stores and have an average annual total spend of \$94 on products at these stores.

Among other edible and non-edible products, the re-

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# Open for Business

## Choosing the right model for your small business dream

(Family Features) Millions toil away in their office cubicles, dreaming of owning their own piece of the American dream. Meanwhile, many entrepreneurial thinkers are using rough economic times as the catalyst for making their small business dreams come true.

With so many types of business models available, it can be hard to determine which one is the best fit for you.

### Brick and mortar

Commonly thought of as the most traditional of plans, this business model involves businesses in physical buildings selling their products. One major advantage of brick and mortar businesses is the personal interaction typically achieved between consumer and owner. Due to the rising popularity of online shopping, many brick and mortar businesses are turning to the internet, combining a physical location with an online presence.

### Bricks and clicks

The “bricks and clicks” model is typically used to describe a business with both a retail and an online location. A major advantage of the brick and click model is it allows customers to see the product physically, coupled with the option to buy products with the convenience of a mouse click. One disadvantage of the brick and click model is the higher overhead required to run both a physical location and keep a website fresh and current.

Many examples of successful bricks and clicks businesses are retailers which, in particular, sell clothing and footwear. Local customers can go in to try on the wares physically and then purchase from the comfort of their own home.

### Franchise

A franchise is a business model that involves two parties — a franchisor and a franchisee. Franchises are a



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good fit for those with an entrepreneurial spirit but who also may lack business experience and would benefit from the structure, support and guidance the franchise model provides. To become a franchisee, an entrepreneur pays a fee and/or shares the revenues of the business. Because a franchise is owned by a franchisor, the franchisee must follow set guidelines.

If you're trying to narrow down your options, knowing your location and

community is essential. Some franchise opportunities, such as The UPS Store, specialize in building franchise opportunities in small towns and rural locations. As many of these areas are underserved in business, packing and shipping amenities, such franchise models deliver a sought-after service for other small businesses and citizens within the community. Having a clear understanding of your community's needs can ensure your new business ven-

ture is successful and profitable.

It's also important for franchisees to think outside the box when selecting their location. For example, some businesses,

### Direct sales

Without a physical retail structure, the direct sales model sells products through independent distributors who specialize in face-to-face experiences with the consumer.



such as The UPS Store, can thrive in non-traditional locations, such as hotels, rural communities, university campuses, military bases and convention centers. For more information, visit [www.theupsstore.com/mainstreet](http://www.theupsstore.com/mainstreet).

One main benefit of direct sales is the ability to sell without overhead or supply costs of running a facility. Many direct sales entrepreneurs purchase their products directly from the parent company piecemeal, so no additional storage space is needed to house the product.



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## NDG Gossip: Pharrell Williams marries long time girlfriend Helen Lasichanh

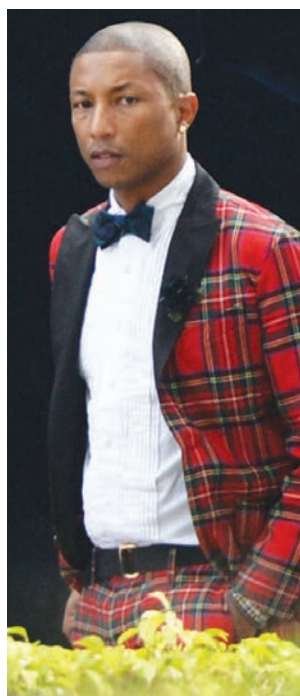
BY SHENICE SANDERS,  
NDG INTERN

*The Get Lucky* singer exchanged vows with his long-time girlfriend Helen Lasichanh in Miami on Saturday, Oct. 12, according to *US Weekly*. The couple boarded a yacht in Miami called "Never Say Never," *People* and *US Weekly* reported, before setting sail for the Kampong National Tropical Botanical Gardens in Coconut Grove where they reportedly exchanged vows.

The couple have been dating for more than five years and are parents to a 4-year-old son, Rocket Man Williams.

*E! News* reports that the couple applied for a marriage license in person and it was issued on Oct. 7, citing the Miami-Dade Clerk of Courts Marriage License Bureau Manager Robert Rebozo.

The wedding was unlike any other the groom wore



**Pharrell Williams**

red and green tartan tuxedo and the bride wore voluminous blue and green tartan coat over a white gown, reported the *Daily Mail*. Guests reportedly went with the plaid and tartan theme too, *US Weekly* said.



**Helen Lasichanh**

Some of the celebrities that attend were Usher and Busta Rhymes, who sources say give a little mini show at the wedding.

**Congrats to the beautiful couple!**

## Black At The Assassination preview night only \$10 at TeCo Theater

On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot in the streets of downtown Dallas, Texas. Everyone thinks they know the story but there is one perspective noticeable absent. No one ever shared the story from the Black perspective.

*Black at the Assassination* is a fictional story based on actual accounts of personal experiences of the day that shook Dallas and the nation. It is the who, what, when, where and why of Black Dallas surrounding the day

America killed her President.

Attendees on Thursday, Oct. 16 can enjoy the preview edition for only \$10 at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center located at 215 South Tyler Street in Dallas. For tickets call 214-948-0716.

## Carmen on the Dallas Opera stage Nov. 2

Opera is one of the few forms of theater I have never had an opportunity to experience. The Dallas Opera's production of *Carmen* on Nov. 2 at the Winspear Opera House might be the night I change that.

*Carmen* by Georges Bizet is sung in French but English supertitles allow you to enjoy the experience.

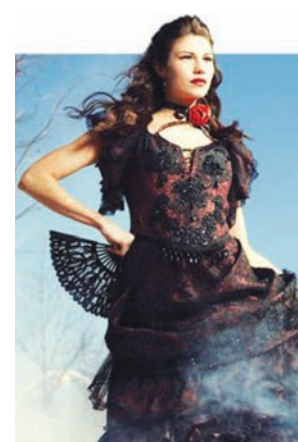
She is the woman no man can resist and, as performed by mezzo-soprano Clémentine Margaine in her American debut, who would want to say non? Hailed as "Best Newcomer"

in the 2011 French Classical Music Awards, Margaine will have her hands full with head-turning Portuguese tenor Bruno Ribeiro as Don José.

This production, conducted by Emmanuel Villaume and directed by Chris Alexander, will make all the other good/bad girls of opera seem tame, if not lame, in comparison.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Winspear Opera House located at 2403 Flora Street in Dallas.

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[www.dallasopera.org/season](http://www.dallasopera.org/season). If you are not available Nov. 2, it is also presented on Nov. 10.

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## Westlake Ace Hardware closing DeSoto store

Westlake Ace Hardware announced this week it will not renew the lease for its store at 324 East Beltline Road in DeSoto, TX. Company officials stated that financial performance has not been at the level necessary to enter into a new long-term lease agreement. The last day of operation for the store has not been finalized, but plans are to continue operations until

sometime in mid-to-late December.

"We regret we will no longer be able to serve the DeSoto community," said George Smith, CEO of Westlake Hardware. "We want to sincerely thank our associates at this store for all their hard work. Because of our commitment to our associates, we are working hard to support the store team through the transition period."

Westlake Ace Hardware has been operating hardware stores in Texas and several other states for more than a century. Greater Dallas-Fort Worth area is home to many Ace hardware locations, including four additional stores owned by Westlake. The decision to close the location in DeSoto will not impact other stores in the area.



"Westlake Ace Hardware is strong and well positioned for future growth. Keeping our store portfolio healthy and vibrant is a top priority for our company," added Smith. "Though closing a store is never an easy decision, it allows us to redeploy assets, open new stores, implement exciting merchandising programs, and invest capital in existing locations."

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tional curricula, which some Blacks advocated, and a bilingual approach to educating Hispanic children proposed by some Hispanic educators and activists, claiming that they would undermine the efforts of the masses of these minority groups to fully reap the benefits of their American citizenship.

Schlesinger readily acknowledged that the United States had long fallen short of living up to its heroic ideals about tolerance and

freedom, especially for people of color. But he declared that the great changes that had occurred since the 1960s should inspire in all Americans "a common adherence to the ideals of democracy and human rights."

It's richly ironic to recall against the backdrop of the last five years yesteryear's heated warnings that multiculturalism would divide the nation into segregated, warring racial and ethnic camps.

The reality is that multi-

culturalism has been the banner under which all these groups have found a way to pursue their fierce desire to integrate more securely into the American mainstream. And their realizing that common bond has led them to put aside whatever points of potential tension Schlesinger and others had predicted would lead to hostility.

Instead, the divisive forces in today's American society are those Whites who've camped in the Re-

publican Party and its even more conservative faction, the Tea Party. They resent having to share on a more equal basis the decision-making authority and resources of the land with Americans of color.

The recently published book, *Change They Can't Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America* by scholars Christopher Parker and Matt A. Barreto, provides fresh data on how intolerant GOP members generally, and par-

ticularly those who support the Tea Party, are of those who hold different beliefs or opinions. Their study also shows that the "reactionary conservatives" of the Tea Party have a "thin" commitment to democracy. Instead, they place a much higher value on getting their way.

These findings, as important as they are, are no surprise to those who've followed the GOP's divide-and-conquer political strategy during the last four decades. Of course, the stark

example of that anti-democratic attitude is the government shutdown and debt-ceiling crisis it's forced on all Americans.

It's too bad Arthur Schlesinger didn't understand that when he warned Americans of the danger of dis-unity from the Left, he was looking in the wrong direction.

*Lee A. Daniels is a long-time journalist based in New York City. His latest book is Last Chance: The Political Threat to Black America*

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port shows that on average, African Americans also purchase more unprepared meat and frozen seafood, dry vegetables and grains, refrigerated juices and drinks (in addition to those that non-perishable and can have an extended shelf life), feminine hygiene products, fresheners and deodorizers. And, that's just a few of the categories that we tend to over-index. On the other hand, the insights show that we spend less money on the range of dairy products (milk, yogurt, etc.) on the edible side and this could be because many of us are lactose-intolerant; and categories like hair care (not to be confused with *Ethnic HABA*), some magazines with selected titles plus lawn and garden products round out the non-edible list.

African-Americans are brand loyal consumers, but like other consumer groups; we enjoy value (e.g. better per-item pricing) and spend 18 percent of our retail dollars on private label brands. You know – the store brands. I am always fascinated by how varied different groups'

preferences tend to be. For instance, in the private label category, disposable diapers rank as the most popular item for us; but they rank fifth on the store brand list of White non-Hispanics. Again, this is an opportunity for marketers who are paying attention.

And here's one of the new areas that we explored for this year's report. All of us make fast food runs from time to time – some of you I know, more often than others, but hey, there is no judgment here. I am sure our busy schedules and multiple mouths to feed at home, make hitting those drive-thrus a lot easier. So we took a look at our preferences for fast food or Quick Service Restaurants (QSRs) over the last three months.

These are the top five Black household QSRs in comparison to other U.S. households:

1. McDonald's (65% vs. 60%)
2. Burger King (44% vs. 36%)
3. Subway (43% vs. 40%)

4. KFC (37% vs. 26%)
5. Wendy's (36% vs. 30%)

Now, I know with all of these powerful insights, you want more right? Have no fear! Our special four-page copy of the *Resilient, Receptive and Relevant: The African-Consumer 2013 Report* will continue to be included as an insert in your Black newspaper. If you would like to learn more, I invite you to visit our website at [www.nielsen.com](http://www.nielsen.com) for the full report. I would love to hear from you so we can keep the conversation going. So, hit us up on Twitter or Facebook. In the meantime, remember how powerfully relevant you are with every consumer choice you make.

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The NTTA also offers TollTag customers Tollmate, a free app to manage and update their accounts.

To get the new \$20 starter TollTag, customers can apply online at the NTTA's 24-hour online TollTag Store – the most convenient source for TollTag applications, information and account management. Customers also may visit NTTA Customer Service Centers in person to fill out an application and get a TollTag on the spot. Accounts can be secured with a credit card; Visa, MasterCard, American Express

and Discover are accepted.

For NTTA customers who continue to use ZipCash at the 50 percent higher rate, there is a new, streamlined invoice fee structure. Initial ZipCash invoices do not include any fees, only tolls. First notices of non-payment include a \$10 administrative fee; second notices of non-payment include an additional \$25 administrative fee – a change from a per-toll to a per-invoice fee structure.

For more information on how to get the new \$20 starter TollTag, log on to [NTTA.org](http://NTTA.org).

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shared with Kafele that they literally raised their children on the contents of this book.

At the core of A Black Parent's Handbook is the chapter that addresses reading for success. Kafele has argued for the past 22 years that in education, we can have the best schools, best curriculum, best teachers and best teaching strategies, but if Black children are not being ex-

posed to who they are, both historically and culturally, then we are spinning our wheels at best.

He argues that when Black children are exposed to "who they are," we increase the probability exponentially that they will have the will to strive for excellence because by exposing them to "their story," we are essentially helping them to develop a

purpose for learning, rooted in the greatness of who they are historically.

Kafele says, "I want them to see and understand where they stand along the continuum of history to help them to better understand their roles in life moving forward."

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**Chinese Lantern Festival** at Fair Park Fair Park, 1300 Robert B Cullum Blvd in Dallas, 10 am - 10 pm, <http://chineselanternfestival.com/>

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**Young Frankenstein** at Music Theater of Denton, <http://www.musictheatreof-denton.com/>

**October 19**

**Samsarga, A Union Of Indian Dance** at Gran-ville Arts Center, 6:30 p.m. 214-684-8693

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**Heritage Festival** at the State Fair of Texas at Fair Park 3536 Grand Avenue, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. 214-641-6013

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## Republican Antics Discourage Talented Workers

BY BILL FLETCHER, JR.

(NNPA) I keep hoping that I can stop writing about the federal government shutdown/lockout. Hopefully, when you read this, it will all be over. But even when it's over, it won't be over.

Case in point: I have a friend who works for the federal government. What she and many of her colleagues are wondering, in addition to when the shutdown/lockout will end, is whether there will be more of these idiotic Republican

tactics in the future? The implications are actually quite sobering. If, as it appears, that Tea Party Republicans have decided to advance their agenda by creating a series of crises, this raises questions about the ability of federal workers to remain confident that there is actually a future for them in public service.

Think about it for a moment. Even with the apparent commitment by Congress to make whole federal workers for their lost wages, the reality is that the banks are not giving bor-

rowers a free pass; I know of no mortgage company that is allowing federal workers to hold back on their mortgage payments until the end of the shutdown; I am unfamiliar with food stores providing resources to families on the assumption that they will be reimbursed when this shutdown/lockout is over.

As a result, each federal worker and contract employee must reflect on whether they can actually afford to continue to work in the federal service. How many more times will there be such lockouts? What sorts of plans can any federal worker make for the future?

There are already discussions in the mainstream media of how the shutdown/lockout has affected research being conducted in various federal scientific agencies and departments. This will become a chronic problem leading to an even-

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between 1942 and 1943 in German-occupied Poland during World War II. He survived after helping a small group of Jewish prisoners overpower their guards on Oct. 14, 1943 — an act of daring that allowed 200 of Sobibor's 600 slave laborers to escape (though only 50 escapees survived the war).

Before the legendary revolt, Bialowitz had been tasked with helping unload the transports of Jews arriving at Sobibor. "I helped them out of the trains with all their baggage. My heart was bleeding knowing that in half an hour they would be reduced to ashes," he told the BBC. In many cases, Bialowitz also had to remove dead passengers who had succumbed to the Nazis' unimaginably inhumane transport conditions.

"Philip Bialowitz is one of the few people alive today who can speak with firsthand knowledge of the Nazi extermination process in eastern Poland," says SMU Embrey Human Rights Program Director Rick Halperin. He believes SMU students should embrace this unique opportunity — and man.

"This generation of Holocaust survivors will pass away in the years ahead, so this generation of SMU students will be the last group of young people who can ever speak with, and hug, such special people," Halperin says.


After the event, Bialowitz will sell and sign copies of his 2010 book, *A Promise at Sobibor: A Jewish Boy's Story of Revolt and Survival in Nazi-Occupied Poland*.

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"Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me." Philemon 11.

Paul's letter to Philemon reveals something about a man named Onesimus. At one time, Paul viewed Onesimus as useless. But while Paul was in chains he treated Onesimus as a son. Something changed in this man that made him useful instead of useless.

As Christians we are going to err in our ways. The question is, once we know we have made a mistake before God, do we make the necessary adjustments that will allow Him to intervene on our behalf? And will we avoid the same course of action in the future?

God says that if we do, He will pour out His Spirit

on us; read Proverbs 1:23. Ask God to help you to depend on Him to be a source of victory in your life so that He might receive all the glory.

When you depend on God you become a better and richer person. He will bring peace, love and joy into your life. You will learn to share His love and life with others.

And when you are dependent on God you see the thorns (trials) in your life as blessings. Paul said, "To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me." 2 Corinthians 12:7.

You may have something in your life that you wish was not there. If you could, perhaps you would change that one thing.

Maybe it is the source of pain or challenge in your life. You seek God continually for relief from it, but He seems strangely silent.

## Will You Be Used by God?



*Bishop Hezekiah Walker, singer of "Ever Praise" Taking a Picture with Sister Tarpley at the Verizon's How Sweet the Sound Concert.*

As stated, Paul also experienced an ongoing burden that he called a "thorn in his flesh." It was so hurtful to Paul that he asked God on three different occasions to remove it from his life:

Paul said that in responds to removing it, God

said to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Possibly, God has given you such a trial designed to allow you to place greater trust and reliance upon Him. Ask Him to reveal to you the

blessing of the trial He has placed in your life so that you can be used by Him in a greater way.

The bloom of a rose is beautiful, but the thorn of a rose produces only pain. Thorns hurt us yet, they

humble us. That is the blessing of trials in a life.

When your heart is overwhelmed; seek to be lead to the rock that is higher than you are. God will be a shelter for you; a strong tower

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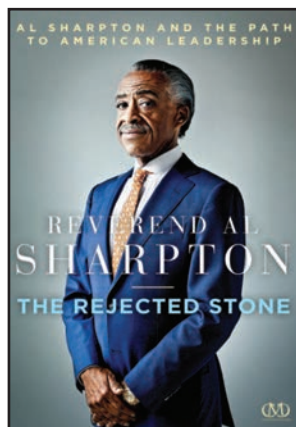
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## The Rejected Stone by Reverend Al Sharpton is a good look at leadership

new book "The Rejected Stone" by Reverend Al Sharpton, you'll see how it could happen.

Every once in awhile — especially when he's somewhere unexpected — Reverend Al Sharpton looks around, surprised and pleased. He's been working for social justice and civil rights since he was nine years old, and there are many things he never thought he'd see in his lifetime.

He admits that he's come a long way since his Tawana Brawley days. He's lost weight and gained insight, changed his outlook and his mind on issues. He's become a leader because the Black community needs more of those.



Great leaders, he says, don't become leaders by accident. They know where they're going and they know how they're going to get there. They don't let their past deter them; they don't blame their child-

hood or neighborhood for their shortcomings. They understand that successful African Americans became successful because of community, not family. They listen to the giants of history; they have mentors and they mentor.

Leaders are true to themselves, but they understand that they must be "different, better, more" than those around them. They know their own strengths and don't pretend to be something they're not. They've defined themselves, they ask for what they need, and they aren't afraid to "be big."

Successful leaders, he says, are all-encompassing. If you are against injustice, then you must be against all injustice. It's

"hypocrisy" to pick and choose.

To be a leader, you must focus and commit to a cause. You must understand that religion isn't something you merely preach, it's what you practice. And, to be a leader, you must know when it's time to quit.

In all that author Reverend Al Sharpton has done in his life, considering the people he's known (Michael Jackson and James Brown, for example, both of whom he writes about at length), and the issues that have made him front-page news, who would've expected wide-eyed amazement at his current life? Yes, that's what you'll see in the first chapter of "The Rejected Stone," and it's good.

From his roots in Brooklyn to his current activism, Sharpton weaves his own experiences in with advice on becoming a leader, reaching for one's "blessings," and being an agent for justice. Readers may be pleasantly surprised to see humility here, too; Sharpton occasionally writes with what seems like hindsight tinged with regret, which truly adds to the magnetism of his words.

I liked that; I liked the lighter, no-nonsense tone of this helpful, easy-to-read book; and I think if you know someone with potential — teen or adult — it's what they need: "The Rejected Stone" could be a push in the right direction.

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from the enemy. He will calm your soul and be your shelter always.

There is a timing that is ideal for every situation and every trial that God provides for Christians. Jesus understood the importance of timing. When He performed His first healing miracle He instructed the man He healed with leprosy to not tell anyone.

Now that would be difficult - not to share being healed from leprosy with your friends who have known you and your condition. He could not keep the secret.

How often has Jesus not been able to move in

your situation because you have failed to honor the right timing of the situation to be useful to Him? Perhaps you have moved ahead when you were not supposed to move. In the Old Testament, David was fighting the Philistines. He won the first battle, but they were coming against him again.

He inquired of God and God said, "Go to battle, but not until you hear the marching in the balsam trees" (2 Sam. 5:23). There was a strategic timing associated with his actions.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1.

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tual grinding to a halt of major work coupled with the exit of federal employees.

Did I say "eventual?" There has actually been an exit underway. As federal workers have been demonized by the political Right and treated as scapegoats, through antics like sequestration, we have seen federal workers going for early retirements or other means of exiting the system.

One has to ask whether it is in the interests of the people of this country to lose talented, long-term employees from the federal government. The impact will ultimately be the in-

crease in contract employees who will be paid less; have less secure employment; few, if any benefits...

That's right. If that sounds familiar, that is the objective of the Tea Party Republicans.

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The book, The Mistress Trap, is written in a simple, easy to read style. It outlines Chanel's as well as the stories of other mistresses. She says her objective is not to glorify sin or to condemn others, but instead to offer both biblical and first hand advice that she hopes will keep

women out of the mistress trap.

"This pandemic of bold infidelity is out of control and it has been for a while. Someone has to take a stand," she said

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