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## People In The News



Raymond J. McClendon was named the new president and chief operating officer of Gourmet Services, Inc., the nation's largest wholly African American-owned food service company.

Mr. McClendon brings more than 30 years of experience in business leadership, management and consulting. Before joining Gourmet, McClendon served as managing director of iQuest

Consulting, LLC, a consulting company specializing in developing growth strategies for small to mid-sized companies. While at iQuest, McClendon structured successful turnarounds for many mid-sized companies by creating business solutions that better enabled these companies to compete in the global, digital economy.

McClendon has served as president and chairman of 100 Black Men of Atlanta, chairman of the National Association of Securities Professionals, executive committee member of the Atlanta Committee for the Centennial Olympic games and presidential appointee to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. He holds a B.A. from Morehouse College, an MBA from Georgia State and a Certificate of Financial Management from the Executive Program at Harvard Business School.

Janet Robinson brings the City of Irving a variety of experience as the newly appointed Human Resources Director. Robinson comes to Irving as the former Human Resources Director of the City of Topoka. Robinson is a graduate of Franklin University with a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource and Business Management. She also earned a law degree from Capital University Law School concentrating in Labor and Employment Law. Previous to her educational path, she joined the United States Army and worked as an Administrative Supervisor. Robinson served in many capacities in the State of Ohio Treasury and in the Supreme Court of Ohio. In Topoka, she advanced from Deputy Director of Human Resources to Director developing and implementing the HR strategic plan, ensured the city complied with all policies and procedures as well as managing a \$1,000,000 budget. Robinson hopes to bring balance and represent employees in areas of diversity. Much of her inspiration to go far in life she credits to her parents for always stressing the importance of education to her. "Young people, please, continue to push yourself and overcome the many obstacles life brings. Just remember to keep moving forward to accomplish all you set your mind to," said Robinson.



Dr. Asa Grant Hilliard, III, world-renowned Pan-Africanist, educator, historian, and psychologist, passed from this life on August 13, 2007, in Cairo, Egypt. Dr. Hilliard was in Egypt to deliver a keynote lecture at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilization (ASCAC), an organization he helped found. He was also lecturing for a study trip led by Reverend Jeremiah Wright of Chicago. The cause of death is attributed to complications from malaria. "Dr. Hilliard was in his favorite place, with his favorite person - our mother, when he died," said his daughter, Robi Hilliard Heron.

The professional career of Dr. Hilliard spans the globe. He was on the faculty at San Francisco State University; consultant to the Peace Corp in Liberia, West Africa; superintendent of schools in Monrovia, Liberia; and returned to San Francisco State as department chair and Dean of Education. At the time of his death, Dr. Hilliard was the Fuller E. Calloway Professor of Urban Education at Georgia State University in Atlanta where he held joint appointments in the Department of Educational Policy Studies and the Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education.

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## Local Church Hosts Back-To-School Rally, Donates School Supplies



RISD Trustee David Tyson; First Church Senior Pastor Dr. Gregory Foster; RISD Ass't Athletic Director Harry Everett; and Back-To-School Co-Coordinator Bro. Wynn Watkins.

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## 97.9 The Beat's Rickey Smiley Gets Another Nut...For His Morning Show That Is

KBFB 97.9 The Beat announced that Ebony Steele is officially the newest member of the Rickey Smiley & Deezy Nuts Morning Show. Steele joined Rickey Smiley and Dez Nutz on Monday, August 13, 2007.

"I'm thrilled to have Ebony as a member of the show. She is intelligent, funny, witty and down to earth," Smiley said. "I look forward to partnering with Ebony and seeing great things happening for the newly syndicated Rickey Smiley Morning Show."

Steele brings excitement and a passion for excellence to Radio-One Dallas. Steele served as co-host of the number one rated morning show at WBHJ in Birmingham, Alabama the past four years. She met Smiley 15 years ago when he was working at Tom McCann shoe store. Through the years, they became good friends, and Smiley said he would love for Steele to be his co-host on the radio whenever he made it big.

And the time is now. The Rickey Smiley Morning Show remains one of Dallas' top-rated morning shows.

"It's Déjà vu. Working with Rickey is a perfect situation for me," Steele said.



John Candelaria, program director of KBFB-FM, said, "Ebony's track record in Birmingham speaks for itself. Ebony is completely plugged into the lifestyle and fits the profile we are targeting at KBFB. Her dedication and knowledge of the southern market was a no-brainer to plug her right into the show. I'm positive Ebony will help take the Rickey Smiley Morning Show to a whole new level!"

## Dallas County Health And Human Services Opens New Clinic



Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) held a Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for its newest Immunizations & Well Child Clinics on Wednesday, August 22 at the clinic's new location, 2774 Valwood in Farmers Branch. The clinic closed its old location at 1235 South Josey Lane, Suite 518 in Carrollton on June 1.

"We are proud to announce that our new clinic is ready to open and the DCHHS will once again be providing services within the Carrollton-Farmers Branch community," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director.

"Dallas County is committed to offering the finest of services to our residents," said Dallas County Commissioner Maurine Dickey. "We're

excited about opening a larger facility to offer immunization and well-child services to Carrollton-Farmers Branch community and wish to commend DCHHS for this forward thinking initiative," Dickey concluded. DCHHS will offer routine childhood immunizations at the new clinic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. Well-child check-ups will be offered Wednesdays only. The cost is \$10 for children on their first visit, \$5 for children who have previously visited any DCHHS clinic. No one will be refused service due to his or her inability to pay. No appointment is necessary. For additional information, on infant, children and adolescents immunizations call (972) 241-2684. For a complete schedule of immunizations, please visit our website at [www.dallascounty.org](http://www.dallascounty.org).

## Give It Up! Your Organs That Is

*African Americans highly represented in organ recipients, poorly represented in organ donors*

By Gordon Jackson - TPA

Everson Walls and Ron Springs, both former standout football players from the glory years of the Dallas Cowboys, made the play of their lives this spring. And comedian-actor George Lopez and his wife, the former Ann Serrano, gave the performances of their lives two years ago.

Their grand accomplishments far exceeded anything that had to do with sports or

entertainment, but involved something much more serious. The above friends and husband-and-wife team represent two of the most high-profiled stories to date about organ transplant operations, critical medical procedures that did more than win a ball game or a Grammy award - they saved lives.

The four individuals being African American and Hispanic are even more paramount.

The day of August 1 was National Minority Donor

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## Blackonomics

## What Would Garvey Do?

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

Just as the question, "What would Jesus do?" is really needless to pose, as we celebrate the life of Marcus Garvey, the same question is also rhetorical at best.

I always say, in response to the WWJD question, that it's the wrong question to ask. We should be asking, "What did Jesus do?"

After all, he left us a record of everything he did, in every kind of situation, every kind of temptation, every kind of prejudice, every kind of racist act, and every kind of good deed, both individually and collectively. So there is no need to ask would he would do if he were here today. We can see very clearly, if we are willing to look, what he did, and that would not change if he were walking among us today.

With that in mind, I think about Marcus Garvey and what he did, not what he would do if he were still here. He also left a record of his actions and what many of us only recite and recall whenever it is convenient or expedient. However, when it comes to doing what Garvey did,

we are nowhere to be found. But I have good news for you on this (August 17, 2007), the 120th Anniversary of Garvey's birth.

The good news is that we have an effort that is doing exactly what Garvey did and would do if he were here today. It's called Kemet World. Described as the "Largest intentional international Black Community on the planet," Kemet World captures Marcus Garvey's intent for his people and uses the Internet to bring it all together. Can you imagine how much more successful the Garveyites would have been if they had the Internet? Despite not having it, they did something that has never been accomplished since—raising six million Black folks, raising millions of dollars, establishing hundreds of new businesses, and creating thousands of jobs.

KemetWorld.com is being called the greatest place in cyberspace for African Americans of all ages. Whatever your dreams, goals, or aspirations are, Kemet World offers an

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## Why I Am Campaigning Against BET

By: Angela Boudreaux - Black College Wire

I am a rising junior at Spelman College. I am writing to encourage and solicit participation in what is becoming a national campaign to combat the negative, one-dimensional, stereotypical and misogynistic manner in which Black Entertainment Television portrays black men and women.

Let me first explain how and why this campaign was started. A professor at Spelman, Tarshia Stanley, is truly the reason and the foundation. My experiences with Dr. Stanley literally changed my life. Her class, "Images of Women in the Media," showed me a progressive and critical way of interpreting and analyzing the media and several other agents of socialization.

Dr. Stanley birthed an interest in me regarding images of women in the media, particularly problematic images. In seven minutes, a film demonstrated more than I could have learned in years; it featured various clips from cable television (but mostly from BET) of black women and men in very compromising, and even disgusting, ways.

Watching it was uncomfortable but enlightening. It made me realize that I had to do something about the way black women were portrayed. I began to feel as if combating these images was necessary for my survival.

I planned a convocation and letter-writing campaign to BET the following semester. The

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First in line at the Back-To-School Rally: First Church member Renee Allen, student Jalen King, parent Darlene Stephens-Tucker, and student Douglas J. Tucker, II.



Back-To-School Co-Coordinator Bro. Bertrian Thomas; First Church Pastor Anthony Foster; Back-To-School Co-Coordinator Bro. Wynn Watkins; Senior Pastor Gregory Foster; and long-time member and Advisory Council Member Eugene H. Tinner.



First Church members stuffing and handing out backpacks: Cheryl Leslie, Ashley Davis, JoAnn Solomon and Sunya Bailey.



A sea of community families and volunteers in the parking lot at First Church's 1st Annual Back-To-School Rally.



Dr. Gregory Foster, senior pastor of First Church and Rev. Anthony Foster, pastor of First Church.



Rico Santiago and Henry Williams explain the value of Lake Highlands High School mentoring program.

First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park first annual Back-To-School Rally was a success. Scheduled early Saturday on the church's parking lot, church officials and members worked late into the night Friday to be ready for the event. Before 7 a.m., there were families in line waiting to get school supplies and backpacks.

"First Church" was expecting between 700-800 students from K-12 grades; however, by Friday, there were approximately 1,000 students who had registered for free supplies and backpacks. The church purchased the supplies and backpacks out of its own budget. When God gave Senior Pastor Gregory Foster the vision to do an outreach project in the community, he shared the vision with First Church's Board of Trustees and the Honorable David Tyson, Trustee of the Richardson I.S.D. Pastor Gregg said, "We must continue to find ways to serve the needs of our community. Helping and supporting children's education is paramount in preparing them for the future. Today's children are tomorrow's citizens. We are about building the Kingdom for God."

First Church didn't have time to seek donations from the business community prior to the opening of school, but, undaunted, the trustees told Pastor Gregg that this vision was too important and that God would make a way.

Dr. J. Lee Foster, founder and former senior pastor of First church, said, "If you think education is costly—you should try ignorance."

Pastors Gregg & Anthony Foster and First Church have taken support for education to a higher level. In addition to providing scholarships for members, the church helps the community prepare for a new school year.

The Hamilton Park community was appreciative; positive comments and remarks were made by numerous participants.

First Church is known for providing breakfast for members and visitors on Sunday mornings. Food was provided for breakfast and lunch, including breakfast sandwiches, juice, water, hamburgers, hotdogs, etc.

Students had fun with several bounce houses and playing basketball. There were clowns with balloons and haircuts for students.

# Don't Let Your Teen's Future Go Up In Smoke

It's simple, marijuana and teens are not a good mix—especially when it comes to learning and academic success. We know that all young people face challenges as they grow and mature and that the dangers and temptations of drugs are all around. We also know that as a parent or someone who cares about young people, you want the very best for them; you want them to do even better than you did and lead productive lives.

While overall drug use among teens is down in recent years, there are still too many brilliant young people whose potential is ruined. Don't let drugs destroy their chance of going to college or landing a good job.

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Parents and family are still the most important influence in young peoples' lives so keep the lines of communication open, set a clear, "no marijuana" rule, stay involved, and continue to discuss the dangers and consequences of drug use. You make the difference. Knowing that education is the key to a better tomorrow, you have the power to protect their potential and help lead them on the road to success.

For more information, visit [www.TheAntiDrug.com](http://www.TheAntiDrug.com) or call 1.800.788.2800

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# Black Fraternity Bans N-Word From Its Vocabulary

By: Jeff Kuerth -

**The Orlando Sentinel**  
The head of the nation's oldest and largest black fraternity Saturday called on the black community to ban the N-word from its vocabulary. The offensive racial epithet should be purged from music lyrics, movie dialogue, talk radio and playgrounds, said Darryl R. Matthews Sr., general president of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

"I don't know many ethnic groups other than the black community that use such harsh language with each other and empower other people to think it's OK to use it," Matthews said in an interview following his address to 3,000 fraternity members attending their annual convention in Orlando.

"The word has evil intent. It's not a term of endearment. It is not just symbolic."

As part of a new policy, Matthews challenged Alpha fraternities on college campuses to exorcise offensive words from their party entertainment.

"We want to go on record and tell our college brethren not to use DJs or play music that contains lyrics that are offensive, demeaning or degrading," he said.

Matthews' remarks are part of a growing movement by black leaders to discourage the

use of the term by blacks and whites. The debate started with the outrage over "Seinfeld" comedian Michael Richards' use of the epithet and escalated with the racially derogatory remarks by radio shock jock Don Imus.

Arguing that you can't condemn whites for using the word when blacks also use it, the NAACP last month staged a symbolic burial of the N-word at its convention in Detroit. Similar burials have been held in Houston and Philadelphia.

In Detroit, Matthews was one of the honorary pallbearers. Earlier this year, Matthews railed against the influence of "gangsta rap," which he described as "a bomb that is blowing up our children and neighborhoods." On Saturday, he urged parents to listen to the music of their children so they can open a dialogue about negative messages in the lyrics.

"This is not a legislative action. This is a moral attitude action. It's a common-sense action. We have tolerated as much as we can tolerate," said Matthews, 53, who has three sons, ages 18, 20 and 26.

Similarly, Matthews urged "Alpha Men" to talk about the debilitating effects of racist and sexist language when working with the young men they are mentoring. Last year, Matthews set a goal of enlisting 10,000 Alpha Phi Alpha men to become Big Brother mentors.

"These are young people asking for assistance. They are saying, 'I would love an adult to come into my life and show me the way,'" Matthews said.

Founded in 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., Alpha Phi Alpha includes among its members civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, writer W.E.B. Du Bois, scholar Cornel West, historian John Hope Franklin, former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and Maynard Jackson, athlete Jesse Owens, football coach Eddie Robinson and NFL players president Gene Upshaw.

It has always been the mission of the fraternity, Matthews said, to lead, inspire and motivate the black community through positive action. And that includes helping those less fortunate.

The fraternity has partnered with the March of Dimes to create Project Alpha, a program to educate young black men on sexual responsibility and fatherhood. On Monday, Project Alpha will have an event at Tangelo Park as part of the fraternity's 87th National Convention in Orlando.

"We have an obligation, because of what we have received, to bring others along," Matthews said. "We look at our (college) degrees not as tickets away from our people, but tickets back to our communities."

watchdog said would be "disastrous" for democracy.

"Gagging the media is the first sign of a dictatorship," said Macharia Githoi, an editor at The Nation newspaper. "The media is the voice of society and it cannot be silenced."

The bill was intended to create an independent media council to arbitrate complaints against the press. But just before the National Assembly's

final vote more than a week ago, a lawmaker added a clause giving the courts the power to force journalists to reveal the identities of unnamed individuals quoted in their stories.

Kenya has some of the best-developed and liveliest media in Africa, although it continues to suffer from widespread corruption and other problems.

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## Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you date to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north.

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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opportunity to fulfill them. KemetWorld.com offers user-to-user interaction and state of the art technologies to ensure a family-friendly, wholesome, and engaging experience. Members of KemetWorld.com enjoy live on-line events, entertainment, instant messaging, games, e-mail, chat, cultural forums, their own home school association, and their own radio stations. At WYWF.com you can listen, have your own show, and even be a DJ. You can also enjoy the new global TV station designed to highlight the good news and positive contributions of Black People. At KemetWorldTV.com you can even create and star in your own television program or newscast.

Besides using US dollars, KemetWorld.com contains its own economy with a community currency based on what are called "Metros," which allow members to build and amass fortunes from anywhere in the world. Metros are used by members to purchase products and services. KemetWorld.com gives promotional Metros to encourage member participation, referrals, and new users. Metros can also be earned by members in various creative ways throughout Kemet World.

In Kemet World there are many on-line businesses and user

groups. There is a business incubator through which people can create their own businesses and get the support they need. Many of these businesses expand into their local communities as well. There is an International Black Chamber of Commerce, which allows you to network globally with other business owners. There are even colleges and universities in KemetWorld as well.

Kemet World also contains the largest black-owned cybermall in the world! The Ujamaa International Mall offers everything from clothing to food, books to homemade items; you can find it all in the Mall. It also has a partner program in which you can set up your own store! Kemet World has everything, and if it doesn't, it soon will. You really need to check it out.

Kemet World is a universe of its own, a quality product, well worth its weight in gold, but it is also a crusade to liberate our people! It is a self-sufficient, sustainable Black community. It is a Black community that will create wealth for itself to be passed on to future generations, just like the one we "talk" about so much.

As a part of the Kemet World Global Alliance, KemetWorld.com will seamlessly bridge the socio-geographic gap and connect Blacks around the world, so that a world community

and economic powerhouse can be reestablished, just as Marcus Garvey had envisioned, set out to do, and accomplished. With a population of 40 million and a buying power of more than \$800 billion collectively, in the U.S. alone, Kemet World is the place where these ideals can come to fruition.

Kemet World is being recognized around the world as the premier place for Black people that use modern technology to build on the legacy of Marcus Garvey. So, as we reflect on what Garvey would do if he were still with us let's first change the question by asking what he did. If you don't know what Garvey did, do some reading and find out. You really need to know. Then, if you want to help build on the legacy he left us, get involved with Kemet World.

Marcus Garvey said, "Look for me in the Whirlwind." Today that Whirlwind has come in the form of Kemet World, and it is taking the country by storm. Let's celebrate what Marcus Garvey did, and let's also do what he did by joining Kemet World. What would Marcus have done today? He would have established Kemet World. Go to KemetWorld.com and learn more, or call 1-800-278-0381.

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Awareness Day and every April has been designated National Donate Life Month. They both represent a nationwide observance to raise awareness of the desperate need for donation and transplantation in the African American community (as well as the Latino community) and to educate the public on the facts and myths about organ donation.

The reason is simple: The African American community is in desperate need of African American organ and tissue donors. Although they make up 14 percent of the United States population, approximately 35 percent of those on the waiting list for kidney transplants are African American.

Other alarming statistics show:

- While Blacks comprise 27 percent of individuals on the national transplant waiting list, they represent only 12 percent of organ donors.

- As of May 2006, there were 25,177 African Americans registered on the U.S. transplant waiting list compared to 6,598 in 1991, a 382 percent increase.
- Approximately 51 percent of those waiting for a transplant are minorities and 27 percent of those are African Americans.

- In 2005, 5,212 African Americans received an organ transplant; there were 1,136 African American deceased donors and 889 living donors.

Springs, ailing badly from the effects of type 2 diabetes, which caused the amputation of a foot, managed to beat such odds when Walls, his best friend, found out that he was a match. As with all healthy humans having two kidneys, doctors told Walls that he could give one of his good ones to Springs and still maintain a healthy normal life.

"I would still do it again for my friend," Walls told an audience this spring at a sports luncheon held at the African American Museum. "Whatever was going to affect Ron's family, because we were so close, I knew it was going to effect mine. Once I was determined to do it, I was hell-bent."

For his "hell-bent" actions, Walls, a Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame inductee, was later honored as a hero by the state legislature at the state capitol in Austin. State representative Helen Giddings spearheaded the tribute with wishes that it jolts others to do the same.

"It is my hope that the bond between Mr. Walls and Mr. Springs inspires each of us to do what we can to help our fellow man," Giddings said. "Furthermore, I commend the

two gentlemen for having the initiative to begin a foundation to encourage organ donation for both living and deceased donors. With death can spring life and with compassion spring hope."

Walls was inspired by friend and fellow Dallas native Serrano. After finding out that husband George, star of the television series The George Lopez Show, and popular stand-up comedian, had deteriorating kidneys due to a genetic disorder, she did not hesitate to donate one of hers to Lopez in April 2005.

Other stories of successful kidney transplants have involved pro basketball players Alonzo Mourning and Sean Elliott. Unfortunately, there are also far too many stories of failures involving organ donor transplants among African Americans. Farrah Gray, the former teenage tycoon sensation, who became a millionaire at age 14, lost his sister, Greek, to leukemia in Sept. 2006 after failing to find a matching bone marrow donor.

"I've been speaking to everyone from Ebony to 20/20, especially Black people, to go out to their local blood banks and register to be an organ donor," said Farrah Gray, now 21, who was honored last year at a Texas Publishers Association conference. "Only 3 percent of bone marrow donors are African American while they make up thousands of individuals being diagnosed with leukemia and we cannot find a donor match."

Other highly publicized losses include Jackie Donahue, sister of rapper Nelly, who died of leukemia in March 2005 and pro football running back legend Walter Payton, who succumbed to a rare liver disease in November 1999. Both lives could have been saved by matching donors, but no one was found in time.

Pam Silvestri, public affairs manager, of the Dallas-based Southwest Transplant Alliance, thinks that the number of such heartbreaking stories in the African American community is about to curb down, if it hasn't started already.

Reasons behind the severe lack of organ donors among African Americans include:

An overall lack of trust in the medical industry due to previous cases of adverse treatment;

Pure mis-education and lack of information about organ donation;

The inability and thus resistance for the low-income and uninsured sector of the African American community to seek medical care, particularly among Black males;

Traditional religious beliefs. "We're not out of the woods yet," Silvestri said. "But the amount of donations has made leaps and bounds over the past 10 years. Our initial goal was to encourage minorities to donate at a rate that reflected the numbers within their population. We've blown past those numbers."

Yet, with the number of African Americans needing new kidneys, other organs and fresh bone marrow having increased so sharply the last decade, Silvestri said they've had to raise the bar.

"Now, we're encouraging minorities to donate at a rate that reflects the numbers on the waiting list," she said.

But lights of hope beam through, with more stories of everyday people of color receiving organ transplants and returning back to society.

"As more minorities get transplants and go back into the world, it's helping subdue those fears," Silvestri said. "They're finding out that not everybody getting kidneys are White and rich. They're seeing that a lot more look like them."

Those looking like us include Walls and Springs, who have formed the Everson Walls and Ron Springs Gift of Life Foundation to get the word out to the African American community about organ and bone marrow donation and to shatter the debilitating myths.

"We're going to make sure that we beat that drum for anyone that wants to hear about it," Walls said.

Adverse religious beliefs have changed for the most part. Every major religion in the United States supports organ and tissue donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.

Other programs and organizations are in place. Donate Life America is a national organization that directly seeks to educate the U.S. population about the need for organ and tissue donors. Anyone can be a potential donor, regardless of age or medical history. The good news is that a single donor can save or improve the lives of more than 50 people.

You can register to be living donor or arrange to have your organs donated in the event of your death.

To learn more and find out how to be a donor in your state, go to [www.donatelifelife.net](http://www.donatelifelife.net).

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# NBC 5 Visions: The Women's Expo Celebrates 18 Years Of Fun

It's just about time for women across North Texas to grab their friends and head to the eighteenth annual **NBC 5 VISIONS: The Women's Expo**, benefiting Attitudes & Attire™, August 25-26 at Dallas Market Hall for unique shopping, exciting entertainment, product sampling and more!

The event will feature several dynamic speakers Saturday and Sunday on the Main Stage, including special guests Lee Snijders, HGTV Design on a Dime; Kathy Doyle Thomas, Executive Vice President of Half Price Books; Marci Shimoff, author of *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul* and teacher of *The Secret*; and Janet Attwood, author of *The Passion Test*, *The Effortless Path to Living Your Destiny*.

As host of HGTV's reality show, *Design on a Dime*, Lee Snijders will be the first

person to tell you that he's not your stereotypical designer; his approach to design comes from his diverse creative background, designing a variety of inviting and sophisticated interiors.

Even before she took over the marketing and development duties of Half Price Books, Kathy Doyle Thomas understood reading is as powerful a tool for rejuvenating the mind, body and spirit as it is for success in school and the work place. Using her wit and wisdom as high-ranking executive and a busy mother-of-three, Kathy provides insightful solutions on how today's woman-of-all-trades can bring reading back into her daily routine.

Marci Shimoff is a professional speaker and trainer who has delivered seminars and keynote addresses on self-esteem, stress management, communication skills, and peak performance over the

past 16 years. Most recently, Marci has been teaching people about *The Secret*, the best-selling book and video about the power of the Law of Attraction.

Janet Attwood is co-author of the national bestseller, *The Passion Test*, *The Effortless Path to Living Your Destiny*. She combines a unique blend of spirituality and practical knowledge that can be put to use immediately. Her passion and focus is supporting people in knowing their personal greatness.

In addition to the keynote speaker presentations on the Main Stage, throughout the weekend VISIONS will host informative speakers on its specialty stages: Healthy Beef Culinary Stage, Neighborhood Credit Union Lifestyle Stage, the Beauty Stage, and the Mind, Body, Spirit Stage. For more information about these presentations, visit <http://advantext.com/visions/stages.htm>.

VISIONS will also feature the first ever Showcase Fashion Show on the main show floor. Twice each day, various exhibitors' products will be showcased in a fashion show produced by Fat Rat Family near the main entrance.

New to VISIONS this year is the McDonald's Colors Your Summer Stage, with special appearances by Bob Greene, exercise physiologist, McDonald's® BAL (Balanced, Active Lifestyle) Ambassador, and contributing writer and editor for *O The Oprah Magazine*. Bob is also the best-selling author of *Make the Connection*, *Get With the Program!*, *The Get with the Program!* Daily Journal, *The Get With the Program!* Guide

to Good Eating, *The Get With the Program!* Guide to Fast Food & Family Restaurants and *Total Body Makeover*. Bob has recently released his new book *The Best Life Diet*.

VISIONS attendees should make sure to stop by the NBC 5/Telemundo 39/Village booth 331 to register to win tickets to the Blue Man Group performing in Dallas, pick-up coupons for Mrs. Field's Cookies, and visit with all their favorite NBC 5 broadcast anchors.

NBC's program, *The Biggest Loser*, has recently selected VISIONS: The Women's Expo to be the Dallas-area location for auditions. Auditions for the show will be Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Participants must fill out

an application and bring it to the event. Applications are available at [http://www.nbc.com/The\\_Biggest\\_Loser/contestants/casting.html](http://www.nbc.com/The_Biggest_Loser/contestants/casting.html).

Admission to NBC 5 VISIONS: The Women's Expo is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$14 for a two-day pass, and free for children 12 and under. Attendees can visit [www.VisionsExpo.com](http://www.VisionsExpo.com) to print a \$2 off coupon. Also, attendees can bring a new or slightly worn purse to be donated to Attitudes & Attire™, the VISIONS beneficiary, and receive one FREE entrance ticket. For more information about VISIONS, visit the Web site or call (972) 504-6358.

## Dallas Poet Engages In 'Ghetto Conversations'

Latter Rain Publishing announces the release of the latest volume of poetry from author Elizabeth F. Martin entitled, *Ghetto Conversations*.

Featured in this collection of urban poetry are some of Martin's most successful spoken word pieces, including her signature, Jack and Kill, a playful poem called Hip Hop Is... and the highly acclaimed My Man's Groove.

There is not only poetry in this book but also an excerpt from Martin's upcoming novel, *Where Secrets Dwell*.

This collection is based on the life experiences of the author, who is originally from Dallas and now resides in Mesquite with two of her three children. In this book, Martin has dedicated her poetic prowess to many of the things that are prevalent in the heart of inner city living. The subjects covered range

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## Around The Town

### Ongoing African American Club of Collin County

Collin County's newest Republican Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Collin County Republican Party Headquarters beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of this club is for men and women to discuss issues important to African American Republicans. For more info, please call Fred Moses at 972-618-7027 or email him at [fred@texas.com](mailto:fred@texas.com).

**DFW Financially Empowered Women** is a group for women interested in taking charge of their financial security. We meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 972-542-1530 or visit [www.meetup.com/378](http://www.meetup.com/378).

**Reggae Saturdays** Every Saturday at the Daquint Dump, located at 2612 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas 75226, is Reggae Night. The fun starts at 9pm. Admission is free before 11, with RSVP. You can RSVP at [www.minglenet.com](http://www.minglenet.com). For more info call 214-629-0077.

**AIDS Awareness Campaign** during all of August through the 31st. The Baby AIDS Pamper and Baby Wipe Drive will be in motion, so contact Dona Mitchell for drop off locations at 972-748-4648 or email her at [aidsawarenessexpo@yahoo.com](mailto:aidsawarenessexpo@yahoo.com).

**August 24 - September 2 Rainbow Country:** The Life and Death of Bob Marley by Adam Justin Dietrich will be presented by The Butterfly

Connection at Rose Marine Theater in Fort Worth. Tickets are \$10. Call 682-560-0776 or visit [www.thebutterflyconnection.org](http://www.thebutterflyconnection.org).

**August 25 Estrella de Manana or "Stars of Tomorrow"** will feature ten finalists on stage, presented by EL NORTE RADIO and Traders Village, to perform and compete for cash prizes and awards. There are always wonderful surprises in store for the audience, so hold on to your seats, and let the show begin! The presentation is located at Traders Village in Grand Prairie, 2602 Mayfield Road. The show will last from 1 - 4 p.m., and admission is FREE. For more information, call 972-647-2331 or email [dfwinfo@tradersvillage.com](mailto:dfwinfo@tradersvillage.com).

**August 25 FREE Painting Workshop:** Learn to paint on Amate paper with Cesar and Rosalba Morales. Class presented at the Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Oak Lawn in Dallas, 75204 from 1-4 p.m. Call 214-671-0051 for more information.

**August 25 Yet Still I Rise**, the play about two families' different lifestyles and their common tragedy, will be presented by Tyler Productions Gospel Stage Plays at the Corner Theatre in DeSoto Town Center. Admission price is \$20-\$25. Call 940-206-9059 for more information.

**August 25 The 13th Annual Jimmy Walker Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament** is being hosted this year by the Dallas Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associations at the Mesquite Golf Course. Registrations begin at 6:30 a.m. with an 8 a.m. tee time. The tournament format will be a two-person scramble with a shotgun start. There will be Adult Divisions,

including Lady's, Coed, Youth and Men's. Adult registrations received before August 18, will be \$80 per person and \$160 per team; onsite registrations will be \$95 per person and \$190 per team. Prizes will be given to the Best Team Scores, Closest-to-Pin, and Longest Drive. Proceeds and donations from this event support scholarships to Paul Quinn College and local area high schools. For more information, contact Arthur Brundidge at 972-220-0477 or email at [dncbaa@yahoo.com](mailto:dncbaa@yahoo.com).

**August 25-26 VISIONS Women's Expo:** The two-day event features over 300 exhibitors and sponsors from around the country, spectacular guest speakers, product sampling, exciting entertainment, and informative seminars. The event will also include FREE back-to-school immunizations by Blue Cross/Blue Shield for ages 0-18 on Sunday from 12-3 p.m. The event will be located at the Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, and will last from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 (\$8 online) unless you donate a new or slightly-worn handbag to Attitudes and Attire and receive FREE admission. For more information call LaPrid Tipton at (972) 504-6358 ext. 2 or email her at [laiprid@advantext.com](mailto:laiprid@advantext.com). Also, visit the website at [www.advantext.com/visions](http://www.advantext.com/visions).

**August 27 The Texas Democratic Women Collin County meeting** will be held this Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Lone Star Crossing, 5800 Coit Rd. (South of Spring Creek Parkway) in Plano. This meeting will include special guest speaker Jo-Hannah Whitsett, the Political Director of Texas Freedom Network, who will be addressing private school vouchers,

textbook censorship, and faith-based deregulation. Contact Jeanne S. Rubin for more information at [jrubin1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrubin1@sbcglobal.net) or contact TDWCC President Barb Walters at 214-477-5183 or email at [waltersia@aol.com](mailto:waltersia@aol.com).

**August 28 FREE Immunizations for Children** at 3 p.m. at the Polk-Wisdom Branch Library, 7151 Library Lane, Dallas. Call 214-670-1947 for more information.

**August 28 "Dollars and Sense of Hiring People with Disabilities"** presented by Easter Seals North Texas and the Manufacturers Association of North Texas. This third annual employment conference will educate employers about tax credits, free and no cost accommodations, as well as ethical and legal issues in developing diversity. In Tarrant County alone, employers saved over \$5M in 2006 by hiring people with disabilities. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with breakfast at 7:45 a.m., and the symposium will be from 8:30-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$25 per attendee (\$30 at the door) and \$175 per table of eight. For more information, call Jan Daniels at 817-759-7958 or email her at [jan@eastersealsfw.org](mailto:jan@eastersealsfw.org).

**August 28 B.B. King with Etta James and Al Green** at the Nokia Live Theater, 1001 Next Stage Dr., Grand Prairie, starting at 8 p.m. Call 214-373-8000 or visit [www.nokialivedfw.com](http://www.nokialivedfw.com).

**August 29 FREE Advance parenting class:** a parenting class for new mothers and their families. Childcare will be provided for the participating mothers. Class will be from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the North Oak Cliff Branch Library, 302 West Tenth Street. Call

214-670-7555 for more information.

**August 30 AIDS Awareness Campaign:** Paul Quinn College will host the Black Women AIDS Summit at the Grand Lounge Student Union Building, 3837 Simpson Street Rd., Dallas Texas. The FREE presentation will include special guest speakers, AIDS drama, SAAVED Ministry, Women Praying for Christ Ministry, St. Luke AIDS Ministry, entertainment and door prizes. Contact Dona Mitchell for more information at 972-748-4648 or email her at [aidsawarenessexpo@yahoo.com](mailto:aidsawarenessexpo@yahoo.com).

**August 31 Intro to wall climbing** at the Oak Point Center 6000 Jupiter Road, Plano, Texas. Participants will learn basic climbing fundamentals such as knot tying, belaying, safety language, and basic climbing techniques. All equipment is provided. Proper waivers must be completed before climbing (parent/guardian must complete waiver for those under 18 years of age). The course is from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., and admission is \$15. You can register online at [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org) or by calling 972-941-7250.

**September 8 Keep up the Pace - Educate the Human Race** is an annual 5k walk/run held at River Legacy Park in Arlington. It will be hosted by the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Dallas and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in order to raise funds and educate the community about the sickle cell disease. September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month. For more information, contact Mary Griffin at 214-942-1262 or email her at [mfg@sickcelldallas.org](mailto:mfg@sickcelldallas.org).

**September 14 12th Annual Sickle Cell Disease**

**Association of Dallas golf tournament** fundraiser event at Riverchase Golf Club in Coppell. Entrance fee is \$125 per individuals and \$400 per foursome. Price includes green fees, electric cart, breakfast, lunch, tee gifts, and souvenir photos. Registration and breakfast begin at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Players can register by downloading an entry form from [www.sickcelldallas.org](http://www.sickcelldallas.org) or calling 214-942-1262. Sponsorships and donations are welcome, and volunteers are needed to assist with the event. All proceeds go to funding sickle cell screening and testing for the community. For more info email [mfg@sickcelldallas.org](mailto:mfg@sickcelldallas.org).

**September 15 17th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet:** "One Band-One Sound (Unity) The Key To Victory". The NAACP Garland Branch will be hosting the 17th annual Freedom Fund Banquet at GUSD Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. (off of George Bush turnpike at North Garland Road. The banquet will include a silent auction, beginning at 6 p.m. and also will feature special guest speaker Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins. Awards will be presented for Educator of the Year, Community Service Volunteer, Minority Business Achievement Award. Banquet tables are available for \$450, and individual tickets for \$45. Call 972-381-5044, Box #5 with any questions.

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Every Monday, from

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ice on sight will be offered.

The Plano Chamber of Commerce will also have representatives from SCORE available on a weekly basis to mentor, discuss, and advise anyone who seeks their expertise. SCORE, which stands for Service Corps of Retired Executives, is a nonprofit organization

of successful business executives who volunteer their time to help small business people all over the country.

For more information on Internet Office Mondays and SCORE, contact the Plano Chamber of Commerce at 972-424-7547 or email [info@planochamber.org](mailto:info@planochamber.org).

## Plano Business Development Committee Hosts Business Seminar

The Success in Business Seminar presented by the Plano Business Development Committee and Jim Chandler will be held on Wednesday, August 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Plano Chamber Office, 1200 East

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tation, you will receive a definition of trust that you can not only use in business but also in every area of your life.

For more information on this business seminar or to RSVP, contact 972.424.7547 ext. 130.

## Coveted NNPA Chairman's Award Given To Moses Brewer And Ervin D. Lee

*Award Recognizes Coors Brewing Company Leaders for their "Visionary Leadership"*

Coors Brewing Company announced that Moses Brewer, director of Corporation Relations, and Ervin D. Lee, director of African-American Brand Marketing, received the coveted National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Chairman's Award from John B. Smith, chairman of the NNPA Board of Directors.

Smith, who presented the award at NNPA's 2007 Annual Convention in Seattle, said: "This award recognizes and expresses our heartfelt appreciation for the time and resources both Moses and Ervin have provided in support of the National Newspaper

Publishers Association (NNPA), "the Black Press of America" programs." He also thanked them for their outstanding visionary leadership as corporate partners. NNPA, also known as the Black Press of America, is a 67-year-old as federation of more than 200 African-American community newspapers published and distributed worldwide.

"This is a tremendous honor and we are particularly pleased to receive this award on behalf of Coors because it not only honors our historic association with NNPA, but also recognizes the fact that the relationship is mutually beneficial," says Brewer. "We look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship we've built with this invaluable voice of the African-American community."

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## Keyshia Cole With Special Guest J. Holiday At House Of Blues Dallas On Aug 30th

Keyshia Cole is the real deal. Like many young people raised in a tough neighborhood, the 21-year-old songstress endured a tumultuous childhood in Oakland, California, and has fought all her life to keep her dream of a music career alive. Now she's realizing that dream on her own terms with her first album for the A&M label, *The Way It Is*. It's been a long road for Keyshia, but it's her powerful voice-- a bell-like instrument whose soaring clarity is topped off with a tantalizing touch of soulful grit -- that's carried her through, not to mention the diminutive singer's personal combination

of sugar, spice, and sass and sex appeal, along with a solid-steel spine.

"Being young, you have to be really dedicated to doing it for yourself," said Keyshia, who co-wrote most of the songs on her new CD and cites artists like Mary J. Blige and Brandy as inspirations. "There's a lot of trials and tribulations you have to go through to get what you want, especially if you feel like it belongs to you."

Keyshia's talent, personality, and faith have won her fans and supporters within the notoriously picky entertainment industry since she was a young girl. While still a pre-teen she convinced

then-superstar MC Hammer that he should put her on, and



she even got a chance to do some recording with the rap star before

she was 12 years old. She also scored sessions singing hooks with other Bay Area artists, including Messy Marv's "Nubian Queen" remix, which was a regional hit for the rapper, and with Tony Toni Tone's Dwayne Wiggins, who featured her on his soundtrack for the indie film *Me & Mrs. Jones*.

Within minutes of catching her boyfriend cheating, Keyshia was in her car driving to Los Angeles in the middle of the night to start a brand-new life. It only took the determined singer a few months of making connections to snag an introduction to A&M Records President Ron Fair, who immediately signed her to her

first solo recording deal. For her first album, Keyshia has garnered the support of none other than reigning hip-hop star Kanye West; producer and songwriter DaRon of R&B group 112; rapper Chink Santana, whose gruff stylings have graced hits by Ashanti and The Inc.; and popular producer E-Poppi. She also got a chance this past spring to collaborate with Eve for her debut single, "Never," on the *Barbershop 2* soundtrack.

A self-described "hard worker" who can sometimes be "goofy" and "fun" yet says she would never kiss a guy she doesn't know for a video, Keyshia is passionate about providing

inspiration to young girls, and young people in general, who come from troubled backgrounds. "I want to be an example for young people, especially growing up in the 'hood, because it's already hard enough to not be focused, not to be trying, to be doing something," she says, adding that hope and faith and holding on to a dream can carry anyone far. The tattoo on her right shoulder -- a cross, a heart, and a star -- truly reflects her belief that goals can be realized, despite the circumstances. "It's really possible," she says with a grin. And those are her thoughts -- just the way it is.

## Chris Tucker's African Awakening

In the 6 years between *'Rush Hour'* films, the comic actor devoted his time to the continent's diverse troubles

By: Terry Lawson  
Where you been, Chris Tucker?

"I know, I know, I been getting that a lot lately," says Tucker, who returns to the screen this weekend with *'Rush Hour 3'*, after an absence of six years. "I figure I've been where I should have been."

Tucker hasn't wasted the years since *'Rush Hour 2'* on *Cristal* and posse prowling. But he has, in his words, "been seeing a whole lot of things I never thought I'd see, hanging with a lot of people I didn't even think I'd know."

"For the first time in my life I didn't have to be running after money, you know. And I met some people, like Colin Powell, who helped me understand what I could do with the celebrity I had earned, to do some good. And that led to the

foundation."

The Chris Tucker Foundation [www.christuckfoundation.org](http://www.christuckfoundation.org) -- began as a program to improve the lives of South



African youth, but like Tucker himself, it has taken on a global reach.

"The more places you go, the more you see, the more you know needs to be done," he says. "I've spent a lot of the last few years in Africa, and it's a big place, man. And it's like the United States, or Europe,

everywhere you go is different, with different issues. It's not just Darfur and the killing, or South Africa with the HIV and AIDS. Every place is unique."

One of the things Tucker did on what he calls his "unintentionally extended" hiatus from filmmaking was participate in PBS's "African-American Lives" project, which uses participants' DNA to trace their African heritage.

For Tucker, it was a revelation.

"We always thought the family had come from Ghana, but it turned out my father's people were from Angola, and my mother's from Cameroon. So I got to go there. We visited this tribal region in the bush in Angola where my father's ancestors might have lived. It's fascinating stuff."

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# Civil Rights Lawyer Oliver Hill Dies At 100

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Oliver W. Hill, a civil rights lawyer who was at the front of the legal effort that desegregated public schools, has died at age 100, a family friend said.

In 1954, he was part of a series of lawsuits against racially segregated public schools that became the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, which changed America's society by setting the foundation for integrated education.

"He was among the van-

guard in seeking equal opportunity for all individuals, and he was steadfast in his commitment to effect change. He will be



missed," said L. Douglas Wilder, who in 1989 became the nation's first elected black gov-

ernor and was a confidant of Hill's. Wilder is now Richmond's mayor.

In 1940, Hill won his first civil rights case in Virginia, one that required equal pay for black and

white teachers. Eight years later, he was the first black elected to Richmond's City Council since Reconstruction.

A lawsuit argued by Hill in

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### Kenyan Journalists Page 3

marched from Freedom Corner in Nairobi's Uhuru Park — where protesters seeking multiparty democracy used to gather in the early 1990s — to Attorney General Amos Wako's office.

Protesters asked Wako, as the government's chief legal adviser, to advise President Mwai Kibaki not to sign the law. The crowd then headed toward Parliament.

Wako said Tuesday he would advise Kibaki to refer the bill back to the National Assembly "for reconsideration."

Four opposition lawmakers are challenging the proposed law in court.

The secretary-general of the Paris-based watchdog Reporters Without Borders, Robert Menard, said the proposed law would have "disastrous consequences" for Kenyan democracy because forcing journalists to reveal sources would mean "a key component of the democratic checks and balances is destroyed."

Journalists using anonymous sources have exposed some of the country's biggest scandals, such as the Goldenberg affair, when the government was swindled out of millions of dollars for fictitious gold and gem exports during the 1990s.

The lawmaker who proposed the amendment argued that journalists often defame prominent people by not naming them but describing them enough to allow them to be identified.

Last year, armed police raided the offices of The Standard and broadcaster KTN, damaging equipment and burning newspapers. The government has acknowledged responsibility for the

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## Church News



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If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade. —Tom Peters. We get our moral bearings by looking at God. We must begin with God. We are right when, and only when, we stand in a right position relative to God, and we are wrong so far and so long as we stand in any other position. —A.W. Tozer. All that is not eternal is eternally useless. —C.S. Lewis. When a man seeks your advice he generally wants your praise. —Lord Chesterfield.

We give advice by the bucket, but take it by the grain. —W.R. Alger. I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just. —Benjamin Franklin. Without crosses, the soul never dies to itself. —Jeanne-Marie Guyon. The smallest things become great when God requires them of us; they are small only in themselves; they are always great when they are done for God, and when they serve to unite us with Him eternally. —Francis Fenelon.

## Things to Ponder

Between the great things we can't do and the little things we won't do, the danger is we shall do nothing at all. What we waste in time, we will wear in eternity. A man's religion never shouts very loud when the mouth of his pocket-book is shut. It's bad enough to be a quitter, but it's worse to finish something you never should have started. —Sparks.



**Picture of The Week**

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Remember the wonderful blessings that come to you each day from the hands of a generous and gracious God, and forget the irritations that would detract from your happiness. —William Arthur Ward. Look for a reason to need people, and they will need you in return. —M. Norvel Young. You look inside and see the unfinished project that is your life, but God sees the untapped potential that trickles down within you like a stream on the floor of an ice-bound river.

When you see a thankless routine, God sees the fruit of your faithful life. When you see lost relationships, God sees room for new friends. When you see tangled complications, God sees a place for a miracle. When you see loneliness and abandonment, God sees the gaping hole in your heart and knows that only He can fill it. When you see a past-empty bank account, God sees the perfect chance for His cherished child to watch how He'll provide. When you see truckloads of stress begin to roll your way, God sees emerald-green pastures beside crystal-clear waters and makes His plans to take you there for refreshment. And when the days come that all you can see is darkness and gloom, God sees only the bright, new hope shining on your horizon—and He smiles, for He knows the endless joys that a future with Him will bring to you.

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## Irene Morgan Kirkaldy, 90, Rights Pioneer, Dies

By: Richard Goldstein

Irene Morgan Kirkaldy, whose defiance of white supremacy while traveling through the Upper South in the summer of 1944 led to a Supreme Court decision outlawing segregated seating on interstate bus lines, died in Hayes, Va. She was 90.

Irene Morgan's fight against segregation took place a decade before the modern civil rights movement changed America. Taken up by the N.A.A.C.P. and argued before the Supreme Court by Thurgood Marshall, later the court's first black justice, it proved a forerunner to Rosa Parks' storied refusal to yield her seat on a city bus in Montgomery, Ala.

Mrs. Morgan, a worker in a plant that made World War II bombers and the mother of two small children, was returning to her home in Baltimore aboard a

Greyhound bus in July 1944.

When the bus grew crowded, the driver told her to give her seat to a white person.



Mrs. Morgan refused, and when a sheriff's deputy tried to take her off the bus in Saluda, Va., she resisted.

Mrs. Morgan was arrested and pleaded guilty the next October to resisting arrest, paying a \$100 fine. But she refused to pay a \$10 fine for violating a Virginia law requir-

ing segregated seating in public transportation.

She appealed, and the N.A.A.C.P., seeking a test case over segregated interstate transport, represented her.

In 2000, Gloucester County, where Irene Morgan got on that bus six decades earlier, and where she lived in her final years, honored her on its 350th anniversary.

A year later, President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Citizens Medal. "When Irene Morgan boarded a bus for Baltimore in the summer of 1944," the citation read, "she took the first step on a journey that would change America forever."

"She was young, attractive, articulate and, judging by her poised performance in Saluda, strong enough to withstand the pressures of a high-profile legal battle," Raymond Arsenault wrote in his book "Freedom Riders."

This past May, state officials unveiled images of a memorial planned on the state Capitol grounds in Richmond that features Hill and the students who staged the 1951 walkout at Farmville. The \$2.6 million monument is to be unveiled next July.

His mother was a maid and his stepfather was a bellman at an exclusive resort about 70 miles from Roanoke. While his parents worked, Hill stayed with a family that he says instilled in him pride in his black heritage.

Later, his family moved to Washington, where he graduated from high school and graduated second in his class from Howard University's law school in 1933. The top law graduate that year was his friend Thurgood Marshall.

Marshall and Hill were part of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund team that fought the desegregation case to the Supreme Court. They remained close friends after Marshall became the court's first black justice.

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1951 on behalf of students protesting deplorable conditions at their high school for blacks in Farmville became one of five cases decided under Brown.

Those battles to end the Jim Crow era were dangerous ones for Hill and other civil rights leaders. Hill once received so many threats that he and his wife, Berensenia, would not allow their son to answer the telephone.

Hill never lost sight of the importance of the 1954 court ruling. Without it, he said in an interview in the Richmond Times-Dispatch this year, "I doubt (the Rev. Martin Luther) King would have gotten to first base."

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"We Choose Love to Nourish and Cherish One Another"  
John 13:34 & Ephesians 5:28-29

T.J. Denson, Pastor

Saturday: Intercessory Prayer @ 7:00 am  
Sunday Services: Sunday School @ 9:30 am • Morning Worship @ 11:00 am  
Monday Services: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

**New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett**  
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Senior Pastor  
New Worship Home  
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A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

Sunday Life Bible School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Life Celebration Worship Service ..... 10:45 a.m.  
First Sunday: Ingredients for Life ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Life in The Word Prayer and Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

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11:00 am: Morning Worship

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TUESDAY  
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Sunday Worship Services:  
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. Baptist Training Union

Wednesday:  
12:00 p.m. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Hour  
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Spelman and Morehouse students! We also created a thank-you petition to TV One for its multidimensional representation of black people. We had even more signatures for the TV One petition than letters for BET! I was delighted.

Just when I thought we couldn't get any more support for the



Angela Boudreaux

letter-writing campaign, I was contacted by a reporter at the Final Call newspaper whose daughter attends Spelman and who had participated in the campaign. The reporter did a story about the campaign, and it was posted on several Web sites. My e-mail address was included and I have received more than 100 e-mails from across the country from people who want to start the campaign in their communities.

We do not have to accept what BET airs as so-called entertainment. The network is falsely educating our youth and, slowly but surely, helping to destroy our community.

I met Debra Lee, the CEO of

BET, this past March. I can assure you, Ms. Lee and BET are not going to change their programming as long as ratings are high and the company is making a profit.

Ms. Lee did say that the network pays attention to complaints. Thus, I ask you to send her countless complaints. We do not have to let BET poison our families any longer. BET markets itself as a network for and about black America. It has successfully conveyed to the world that black people are little more than "hoes," pimps, thugs and occasionally athletes.

If you are the slightest bit concerned, start a letter-writing campaign in your community. We can do something. We can affect change. For more information, please visit WORTH's Web site at www.myspace.com/spelman-collegeworth. There, you can find three different form letters with three different tones. You can also find a copy of the petition to TV One and the mailing information. Also, please post any comments or questions that you may have on WORTH's Web site.

Sadly, this is a much more urgent problem than many of us realize. We must not only fight the problem, we must educate our communities.

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Spiritual Direction  
"Each One, Reach One"

Worship Services  
7:30 am and 10:30 am  
Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Wednesday Night Service  
8:00 pm

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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

### Schedule of Services:

#### Sunday

Early Morning Worship  
8:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes  
9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and  
Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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