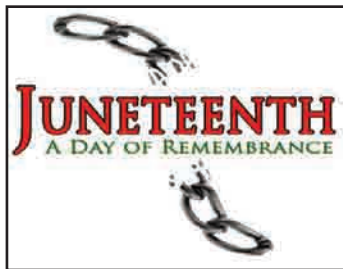




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Juneteenth history and DFW celebrations

According to Juneteenth.com, this is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that



the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, which was official January 1, 1863.

Later attempts to explain this delay have yielded several versions. Often told is the story of a messenger murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another theory is the slave owners

were trying to maintain the labor force on the plantations, some speculate the federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation.

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President Abraham Lincoln and the Juneteenth Celebration: Something you should know



President Abraham Lincoln

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DART offering free bus passes to riders who "Dump the Pump" this month

North Texas commuters can swap a gasoline receipt for a week of free transit thanks to Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the T in Fort Worth, and the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA).

The agencies are work-

ing together to encourage commuters to try transit the week of June 18-23. This effort is the local version of the seventh annual "Dump the Pump" campaign of the



American Public Transportation Association

(APTA), which emphasizes the economic and environmental benefits of transit.

The three transit agencies will be meeting non-transit users at a variety of locations starting June 8.

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Tyra Banks a cougar?

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Survey shows Plano residents generally pleased with city services

In March the ETC Institute conducted a random sampling survey on behalf of the City of Plano to assess resident satisfaction with the delivery of city services. On May 29 the City Council was presented the major findings of the survey by ETC vice president Karen Faulk.

Responses came from 444 of the 2,000 random households contacted to complete the survey that covered more than 50 services. At a cost of \$14,000, Plano had not performed a citizen survey since 2008.

Plano City Manager Bruce Glasscock said, "Feedback from our resi-

dents is a major component in our governance process, as we develop our actions and goals for Plano's future. This information is tremendously valuable as we strategically plan where and how we will invest in our community over the coming

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COMMENTARY

Obama needs to run against Congress

BY BILL FLETCHER, JR.

(NNPA) If President Barack Obama wants to win in November he will have to run against the Republican Congress. He will actually not need to spend his time on Romney. When you have people like former President Jimmy Carter suggesting that Romney is not that bad, you have a message problem and one that may not be resolvable in the short-

term. On the other hand, as a few people have suggested, if the obstructionist, wealthy Republican Congress can be tied around Romney's neck, it could quite possibly undermine Romney's campaign.

What does running against the Republican Congress mean? It means taking a message to the public about what sort of economy we

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Dr. Daryl D. Green

Many parents are hurting their college graduates by destroying their independence as they return home. The majority of recent studies have shown that many college graduates will opt to move back home. Consequently, many parents will find themselves helping them financially. As millions of Americans battle economic hardship, Dr. Daryl D. Green explains what can be done to deal with this pressing matter for frustrated parents with adult children.

Due to the economic

crisis, there is a massive exodus of adult children returning home to their parents. According to 2009 poll by CollegeGrad.com, 80% of college graduates moved back home with their parents after graduation. New research by Patrick Wightman at the University of Michigan noted that more than 62% of young adults get financial help from their parents at an average of \$12,185. Additionally, over 22% of parents assist their adult children in various ways, including paying their bills or

rent. Parents, who serve as financial supporters for their children, may be hurting them.

Dr. Green notes, "Giving an individual financial assistance without any accountability goes beyond common sense. Yet, we parents will do this same action with our own children when we know the long-term consequences." Dr. Green can recite a number of situations where these enabling actions of parents have damaged their children. Some people argue that parents who finance their adult children with no limitations have fueled this "Entitle-

ment Generation."

Dr. Green argues for parents making the hard decision of setting financial limits on their adult children. This process will allow their adult children to deal with their own financial situations, even if it means hitting the proverbial 'rock bottom.' Dr. Green continues that today's parents are fostering adults who cannot survive under the future economic crisis. The unintended consequences are adult children who can't cope under pressure." Dr. Green suggests that parents set their expectations upfront with their

adult children to ease miscommunications.

Job Strategies for the 21st Century is his latest book and is available online at Amazon.com and other book retailers. You can also view the book trailer on Youtube.com at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_LKEMrIweA.



Ingrid Saunders Jones

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) has recently installed Ingrid Saunders Jones, Coca-Cola's senior vice president of Global Community Connections and Chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation, as chairman of the board at its 55th annual conference in Washington, DC. Jones is the first to be elected to the post since the passing of Chair Emerita Dr. Dorothy I. Height.

"I am elated that such a distinguished membership has entrusted me with the

task of leading this illustrious organization," said Jones, incoming NCNW Chair. "To be in the company of former leaders such as Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Dorothy Height, and Dr. Barbara Shaw who have touched the lives of black women around the globe is an honor and a privilege that I do not take lightly."

Jones will begin her tenure as chairman of the national board immediately. As chairman, Jones will oversee fundraising for the organization, while garner-

ing national attention for NCNW's national community outreach and educational programs. Chairman Jones will focus on revitalizing the organization through fostering a new generation of members into the organization.

Under Ms. Jones' leadership, the Coca-Cola Foundation has contributed more than \$460 million to support sustainable community initiatives, including the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, United Negro College Fund (UNCF), Catalyst, the Critical Difference for Women program at

Ohio State University, the International Coastal Clean-up, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and the World Wildlife Fund.

"It has been an honor to serve as chairman of the National Council of Negro Women for the past two years, said Dr. Barbara Shaw," outgoing NCNW Chair. "I have the utmost confidence that Ms. Jones will continue to lead this movement into a new era of service that will fur-



ther enrich African-American communities domesti-

cally and women of the African diaspora abroad."

Shaw was named chairman in May 2010; she succeeded Dr. Height who had served as head of NCNW for more than forty years. Prior to her selection as NCNW's Chair, Shaw was a prison administrator with the State of Maryland.

To learn more about the National Council of Negro Women, visit its website, www.ncnw.org.

Schnavia Smith Hatcher

The University of Texas at Arlington has named

hool of Social Work. She joined Georgia in 2005 and



Schnavia Smith Hatcher, a University of Georgia associate professor of social work, as director of the new UT Arlington Center for African American Studies. Her first day will be July 1.

Hatcher moves to Texas after seven years with the University of Georgia Sc-

previously served as an adjunct faculty member in the social work and sociology departments of Bowie State University, Prince George's Community College and the University of the District of Columbia. She has also worked as a research associate for a private research

firm in Maryland evaluating federally funded grant programs.

As director of the UT Arlington Center for African American Studies, Hatcher will work to enhance students, faculty and staff members, and the community's understanding of African Americans' unique social circumstances and heritage.

"From the onset of our process, Dr. Hatcher emerged as an exceptionally strong candidate from multiple dimensions," said Ron Elsenbaumer, UT Arlington provost and vice president for academic affairs. "She is a true scholar committed to the support and success of all students and particularly those pursuing studies focused on issues of significance to African Americans."

Hatcher earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Spelman College in At-

lanta. She holds a master of social work degree from the University of Georgia and a doctoral degree in social welfare from the University of Kansas.

Most recently, Hatcher has taught courses on research and evaluation, policy analysis, crisis intervention and forensic social work. Her own research focuses on health promotion strategies in correctional settings, addressing mental health, substance abuse and HIV disparities, and the practice and policy implications for African Americans.

In addition to teaching and research, Hatcher is a licensed clinical social worker and has consulted with jail and juvenile justice facilities focusing on community re-entry services for offenders with co-occurring disorders, drug court program treatment curricula, jail suicide prevention protocol and im-

plementing continuous quality improvement program monitoring procedures.

Hatcher brings significant experience that will

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Consumer Alert: Beware of debt scammers

By Charlene Crowell,
NDG Special Contributor

With so many Americans unemployed or underemployed, the social stigma of debt is not as harsh as it once was. Too many people who have played by the rules and worked all of their lives now find themselves deeply mired in debt. Young consumers, armed with a degree in one hand and student loans in the other, wonder when they can financially live independent from parental support. In this still-unfolding financial recovery, family standards of living are faltering, retirements are delayed and both generations worry.

For many consumers, the debt dilemma is akin to a seesaw. One side wonders whether available funds will stretch far enough to pay their bills. The other side worries whether remaining credit can see them through.

Unfortunately, there are businesses that prey upon consumer financial misfortunes, promising easy solutions to nagging and deep

debt. On urban radio and late night television these companies advertise how debt can be settled for pennies on the dollar. Some will even identify the amount of debt consumers must owe before they can 'help' them.

Consumers who believe this kind of advertising almost always get scammed. After paying thousands of dollars in fees, they discover that there was never a connection between the monies paid and real debt reduction services. Unfortunately, by the time this epiphany occurs, consumer finances are in worse shape than before. And the debt settlement firm moves on to its next victim.

Consumers using these services are also often told not to speak with their creditors or pay them directly any portion of the debt owed. If the consumer follows the instructions of the debt settlement firm, penalty interest rates – as well as late fees and other charges begin to accrue on the amount originally owed. In the mean-

time, the creditor often escalates collection efforts as well, sometimes turning the debt over to a collection agency hired by the creditor or pursuing lawsuits or wage garnishments.

If consumers stop paying their debts, their credit scores fall and make it more difficult to gain credit elsewhere.

Attorneys general and Federal Trade Commission enforcement challenged these practices in private litigation. With the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, consumers have also gained a federal office dedicated to transparency and fairness in debt relief and debt collection.

The Federal Trade Commission also advises consumers to guard against further fraud by debt relief firms by avoiding any company that:

- Charges any fees before it settles your debts;
- Guarantees it can make your unsecured debt go away and stop all debt collection calls or lawsuits;
- Tells you to stop communicating with your cred-

itors;

- Guarantees that your unsecured debts can be paid off for just pennies on the dollar; and

- Refuses to send free information about the services until you provide personal financial information, such as credit card account numbers, and balances

For most people, money has a way of going more quickly than it comes. When debt is involved, bills seem to reappear even faster. The better way to resolve unmanageable debt is the simple one: speak directly with your own creditors to set up a manageable payment plan.

No one is better able to communicate your financial constraints than yourself. More importantly, no one will work harder to relieve your personal financial stress more than you.

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need. It means picking up on the themes raised by the Occupy movement and hammering away at the policies of the Republican Congress and their support of the upper 1 percent. It means walking the streets of our devastated cities and speaking with the unemployed, and particularly speaking with those who have been out of work for years, people who fear that they may never be able to work again. Obama needs to become the voice of the voiceless.

President Obama needs to remind people about the economic policies that got us into this mess. This is something that the White unemployed and precariously employed need to hear time and again. Too many of them seem to be ready to go one more round in

the Republican economic fun-house.

If there was one thing that Obama needs to do, and I am not sure that he is prepared to do it, it is to encourage protests and action among the bottom 99 percent against economic injustice. I don't particularly care that he did not show up in Wisconsin to support the anti-Scott Walker recall movement. Wisconsin needed to be about Walker, not Obama. That said, the people at the base need to hear from Obama the way that we did in January 2009 when he supported the demands of the workers at Republic Windows & Doors in Chicago when they occupied – no pun intended – their factory. When was the last time that we had heard a president of the USA take such a stand?

We now ask, why was that the last time we heard this from Obama?

We also need President Obama to stop trying to out-Republican the Republicans when it comes to national security. One of the best ways to demoralize segments of his base can be found in the continuing attacks on civil liberties that have been underway during his administration. "Whistleblowers" have come under attack. Peaceful, non-violent protesters – such as the anti-war protesters in Minneapolis and Chicago – have not only come under surveillance but also have faced various legal charges. Look, we voted for a president we hoped would expand democracy rather than contract it.

We also voted for someone to end these sense-

less wars. Well, points go out to President Obama for ending the Iraq occupation, but we are still in Afghanistan and these drone attacks in Pakistan and Yemen do nothing but inflame local tensions and create more enemies.

To win, Obama needs an "Obama Doctrine" for the 21st century, a clear, non-rhetorical statement that situates his campaign in the hearts and minds of the 99 percent. We do not need any more feel-good speeches. We need change that we can see.

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Children and Asthma: The Goal is control

The news about children and asthma is both good and bad. Better treatments have banished the stereotype of the asthmatic child as frail and inactive, heavily relying on an inhaler to breathe. Children with asthma are now living active, independent lives.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is working to make sure that the drugs and devices used to treat asthma—a chronic lung disease that inflames and narrows the airways—are safe and effective.

The bad news is that the number of reported cases of asthma in children has been



rising. In 2010, there were 7 million children with asthma, 9.4% of Americans under 18, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up from 6.5 million, or

8.9%, in 2005.

One reason may be that doctors are diagnosing more kids; illnesses once known as bronchitis or a croupy cough are now being recognized as

asthma. Its symptoms may include coughing, wheezing (a whistling sound when you breathe), chest tightness and shortness of breath, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI).

Uncontrolled asthma can lead to chronic lung disease and a poor quality of life, and may slow growth. Benjamin Ortiz, M.D., a medical officer in FDA's Office of Pediatric Therapeutics, recommends that parents work with a pediatrician, and an allergist or pulmonologist (lung specialist) if needed, to develop and follow an asthma action plan that de-

tails the treatment options when certain symptoms occur.

"Early intervention results in better health into adulthood," he says.

Knowing the triggers

"We know what makes asthma worse or better, but don't know the primary cause," Ortiz says. The things that make asthma worse are known as "triggers." They include:

- Season and climate changes
- High levels of air pollutants
- Tobacco smoke
- Mold
- Mites, roaches
- Plant pollen
- Pet dander

• Strong scents, like perfumes

In addition, certain factors may increase a child's risk of developing asthma:

- Family history of asthma
- Multiple episodes of wheezing before age 2
- Living in crowded housing
- A family member who smokes
- Obesity
- Early development of allergies or eczema

Lung Association hosting Women's Lung Cancer Luncheon

The American Lung Association in Dallas is presenting its first "Let's Face It: A Women's Lung Cancer Luncheon" next week, on Thursday, June 21, 2012. The event, co-chaired by Rebecca Wooters and Rebecca Moore, will take place at one of Dallas' most beautiful attractions, the Dallas Arboretum, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

"Women need to be aware that lung cancer is the leading cancer killer of women," said Sara Dreil-



ing, Chief Executive Officer of the American Lung Association, Plains-Gulf Region. "Together, we can do something about the lung cancer epidemic in women."

This event is designed

to raise awareness among women about the prevalence of lung cancer and its affect on women. It promises to be educational and empowering with information and resources,

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Prenatal classes June 16 in Sunnyvale

Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale will offer two prenatal classes Saturday, June 16. Natural Comfort Measures for Labor & Childbirth will be 9 a.m. to noon at Sunnyvale Medical Plaza next to the hospital, while Successful Breastfeeding will be offered at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Each class is \$45 per couple and includes reading materials. Each couple are required to bring two to four pillows and a light blanket to each class.

For more information, contact Brenda Shum-

way, health coach, at 504-656-MAMA (62-62), 817-673-6852 or email at info@HealthyBirthClass.com. Additional information is available at <http://www.MotherMeDoulas.com>.

There is a third class, Labor in a Day, offered for \$100 per couple on various dates throughout the year. For each couple registering for all three classes, they will receive a \$40 discount.



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McKinney hosting seminars help yards beat summer heat

The Office of Environmental Stewardship in McKinney is presenting a series of seminars to help landscapes beat the summer heat. Seminars teaching compost techniques, instructing how to build rain barrels and building a

firewise landscape are free and open to the public.

Composting - Saturday, June 16, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at John & Judy Gay Library, 6861 W. Eldorado Learn how to start composting leaves and grass clippings at home

and keep organic waste out of the landfill.

Rain Barrels - Saturday, June 16, 1-4 p.m. at John & Judy Gay Library, 6861 W. Eldorado Learn about rainwater harvesting and how to build a rain barrel. For only \$50 each,

class attendees will build a barrel to take home. All supplies are provided by AgriLife Extension. Payment must be made by June 14.

Firewise Landscaping - Monday, June 18, 7-8:30 p.m. at Fire Station #7,

861 S. Independence Wildfires threaten people and property across Texas every summer. The idea of a firewise landscape is to reduce potential fuel by using fire-resistant plant materials strategically placed to lessen the chances

of wildfire from damaging your home.

To register and for more information, visit www.mckinneytexas.org/greenevents or call the Office of Environmental Stewardship at 972-547-7335.

Uplift schools receive honors from *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*

Uplift Education, one of the nation's largest charter school networks in North Texas, adds to its national honors by being listed by both The Washington Post and Newsweek for high schools as among the best in the nation.

"We are extremely pleased that our high schools continue to receive this type of national recognition," said Uplift Education CEO Yasmin Bhatia. "Our students and teachers have proven again that the Uplift Education model is successfully applied in both suburban and urban settings,"

she added.

In an impressive accomplishment, all of Uplift Education's five eligible high schools were named to the top 70 high schools in the nation. It is especially notable that four of the schools have a low-income student ratio of 70 percent or above. (Uplift North Hills Prep has a 4 percent low-income student body.)

Uplift North Hills Preparatory, located in Irving was ranked as #23

Uplift Summit Preparatory, located in Arlington was ranked as #28

Uplift Peak Preparatory, located in East Dal-

las, was ranked as #33

Uplift Hampton Preparatory, located in Southwest Dallas, was ranked as #40

Uplift Williams Preparatory, located in West Dallas, was ranked as #68

The High School Challenge formula for ranking schools is a calculation of the college-level tests administered by the school in 2011 divided by the number of graduating seniors.

Four Uplift Education schools were nationally ranked, with Uplift North Hills ranked among the Top 15 high schools in the nation. Uplift Peak, Uplift Summit and Uplift

Williams, which made the list for the first time, were also named as "Transformative Schools."

Uplift North Hills Preparatory ranked as #14 nationwide

Uplift Summit Preparatory, located in Arlington, Texas, ranked as #59

Uplift Williams Preparatory, located in West Dallas, ranked as #264

Uplift Peak Preparatory ranked as #537

Three Uplift Education schools were granted the additional honor of being named to the Newsweek list of the nation's Transformative Schools. These

transformative schools are defined as a school that accepts students from all skill levels and from all strata, and turn out uniformly qualified graduates. The list takes into account the percentage of students who are low income.

Uplift Summit Preparatory Transformative School #3

Uplift Williams Preparatory Transformative School #8

Uplift Peak Preparatory Transformative School #16

These recent accolades cap a successful year for Uplift Education, includ-

ing its continued legacy of 100 percent college acceptance for all seniors (with an impressive \$40 million in scholarships and grants this year); a National Excellence in Urban Education Award for Peak Preparatory, U.S. News ranking of Peak Preparatory as a Gold Medal school; the Texas Education Agency recognition of Peak as a Distinguished Title I Campus; the charter network's announced expansion into Fort Worth; and the successful issuance of a \$80+ million dollar bond package.

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years. The next step in this is surveying our business community, which is something that hasn't been done in the past."

ETC provided this summary of their major findings:

Residents have a very positive perception of the city. The results indicate 92 percent of Plano residents are satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality

of life. When asked about the value they feel they receive for their city taxes and fees, 74 percent are satisfied or very satisfied. Satisfaction with city services rated 91 percent satisfied or very satisfied.

Overall satisfaction with city services is generally the same throughout the city.

Priorities for improvements were overall: 1) Police

services, 2) Fire services, 3) Maintenance of city streets and sidewalks, 4) Emergency medical services, and 5) Environmental waste services.

Other findings included:

•Residents would like to see more outdoor special events in the parks (45%), followed by water sports (34%) and an additional dog park (24%).

• In the last year, resi-

dents have most used the trails (63%), followed by playgrounds (35%).

•Library services information was most often received through www.planolibrary.org (78%), followed by the local media (53%) and library brochure (47%).

•The Texas Pure product purchased most often is the mulch (82%), which most use once a year.

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as well as some fun. Proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships will go toward the American Lung Association's research initiatives, programs and services that help to prevent lung disease.

Moore, a non-smoker, was diagnosed with lung cancer four years ago. A year later, her husband was diagnosed with Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis, another lung disease. The Moore's remarkable can-

do attitude, unstoppable energy and willingness to share their story is an inspiration to everyone they meet. Wooters has served on the North Texas Leadership Council for several years and is currently Chair-Elect. This mother-daughter team has long advocated for the American Lung Association and the work the organization does.

Brad Sham, "Voice of the Dallas Cowboys" will

emcee the event. Sham's broadcasting career spans 42 years and he is in his 34th season of broadcasting the Cowboy's games. Dr. Daniel Nader, of Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) will be the guest speaker. Dr. Nader leads the interventional pulmonology program (Lung Cancer) at CTCA at Southwestern Regional Medical Center. CTCA is the leading "Lung Presenter" sponsor


for this event.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased at <https://alagulf.ejoinme.org/dallasluncheon>. Ticket sales include complimentary valet and same day admission to the Arboretum to view the renowned Chihuly glass exhibit. For more information contact Amanda Frederick at 214-631-5864 x209 or dallas-sevents@breathe-healthy.org.

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TWU welcomes prospective students and guests to June 16 open house

Texas Woman's University will host an open house for prospective students from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday, June 16, on the TWU Denton campus.

Prospective students and their guests will have the opportunity to meet faculty and students, participate in a campus tour and attend sessions on admissions, financial aid, housing,

student life, commuter information and more.

Prospective students also could win \$1,000 to be applied to fall 2012 tuition and fees at TWU. Two awards of \$1,000 each will be presented to one freshman and one transfer student at the Denton Open House. Students must be eligible for admission to TWU to claim the awards.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in Hubbard Hall, located on Administration Drive between Oakland Street and Bell Avenue in Denton. Information sessions are scheduled until noon, followed by campus tours that include residence halls. Free parking is available throughout the Denton campus during the open house.

For more information or to register, visit www.twu.edu and click on Denton

Campus Open House, email TWU at openhouse@twu.edu or call

940-898-3014 or 1-866-809-6130.

Jason Witten, FRAM® and Boys & Girls Clubs partner to teach dads and kids car care tips

The Car Care Council's top tip to parents of teen drivers: Ensure that your young drivers know basic preventive maintenance to keep them safe on the road. With this in mind, FRAM®, a leading U.S. oil filter manufacturer, teamed up with the Dallas Cowboys' Jason Witten and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas for a pre-Father's Day event called FRAM Ready to Role, a nationwide initiative aimed at instilling confidence in today's youth through hands-on car maintenance instruction and mentorship opportunities.

"Unlike in past generations, most youth today

aren't being taught do-it-yourself car care skills. We're aiming to change that," said Rich Fleming, vice president of sales and marketing for FRAM. "The goal of FRAM Ready to Role is to reignite an 'under the hood' passion and build confidence in at-risk youth – to give these young men and women skills they can use both on their car and in life."

During the four-hour event, hosted at the Dallas Walmart Supercenter off Cockrell Hill Rd. and I-30, FRAM master technicians and NFL star Jason Witten taught the fundamentals of car maintenance to dads and

their kids from across Dallas, and more than 40 Boys & Girls Club members ages 11 to 14 who participate in the Passport to Manhood health and life skills program.

In between working on cars, the young men spent time discussing vehicles and life with the technicians, Witten and National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) driver Spencer Massey.

"We know our ability to reach out to young people depends on the availability of quality mentors. That's why we create opportunities for them to be exposed to

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Classes of 1962 from Dallas' three original black high schools combine to celebrate Joint 50th Reunion

The Golden Jubilee 50th Reunions for the 1962 Classes of Dallas' three original black high schools will be a joint celebration for Booker T. Washington, Lincoln and Madison high schools this summer.

While the three schools enjoyed good-natured rivalries for sports and other competitions traditionally, members of the three 1962 classes occasionally join forces for certain milestones. The joint 50th reunion will pay homage to their joint graduation, and joint prom, in 1962 at Memorial Auditorium that is now the Dallas Convention Center. The Dallas school district mandated the first-time, combined graduations and proms for the three black high schools apparently to cut costs at a time when Dallas schools still were segregated, class members said.

A planning committee from the three 1962 classes has been

meeting periodically for about two years forging plans for the tri-celebration.

Committee members say they hope classmates will recognize the significance of observing the classes' golden jubilee.

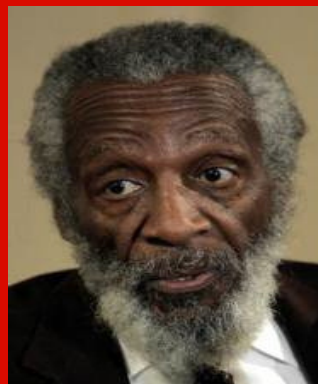
"We hope everyone that is able to come will come," said Lawrence Kennedy, who represents the Washington graduates. "Some of our friendships go back as far as kindergarten and we want everyone to realize that they still have classmates that care about them."

Norman Whitlow, who represents Madison, said he is fortunate that some recent health problems have not blocked his plans to attend. "It means a lot to me personally that the good Lord has deemed it possible," Whitlow said.

Lee Anderson of Lincoln agreed: "It's a great blessing just to be here to come together and

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Vice President Joe Biden to address the National Association of Black Journalists

Vice President Joe Biden will address members of the National Association of Black Journalists, (NABJ) at the 37th Annual NABJ Convention & Career Fair next week in New Orleans, La.

With more than 2,500 journalists and media pro-

fessionals expected to attend, the NABJ convention is the largest annual gathering of journalists of color in the nation. The Vice President will address NABJ Convention attendees on Wednesday, June 20, the first day of the five-day



Vice President Joe Biden

gathering.

Other Washington newsmakers who have addressed the NABJ Convention in recent years include Barack Obama, then a U.S. Senator; President George W. Bush; President Bill Clinton; then-Sen. Hillary Clinton; Sen.

John Kerry; Secretary of State Colin Powell; and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The NABJ convention this year will emphasize changes in the media industry and how journalists can best position themselves in

the digital age and beyond. The theme is #NABJ12: New Platforms. New Directions. New Orleans."

For additional information about the 37th NABJ Convention & Career Fair and for the full schedule visit, www.nabj.org.

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engaging mentoring relationships," said Charles English, president and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas. "The FRAM Ready to Role program teaches our kids confidence-building skills that can have a significant impact on their self-esteem later in life. At the same



time, successful mentors show them they can achieve anything they put their minds to."

Each Club member received a personal car-care kit so they can start working under the hood of their own family vehicles. FRAM also presented a \$5,000 donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs

of Greater Dallas to support summer programming.

The event was open to the public, with more than 300 sons, daughters and parents in attendance to kick off Father's Day celebrations a week early. Dads who brought their son or daughter to learn about car maintenance also received a

personal car-care kit and could meet with Dallas Cowboy Jason Witten.

For more information on how to easily care for your vehicle, visit www.fram.com. To learn more about how to become a Boys & Girls Club member or volunteer, visit www.bgca.org.

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reminisce, Anderson said. "We expect everyone to take away fond and precious memories."

The three-day reunion will be August 10-12, 2012 at Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville, 800 N. Main St., Duncanville.

Activities will include a bus tour of Dallas sights and old stomping grounds via Dallas Area Rapid Transit. The tour will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, August 10, and leave from and return to Willow Grove Baptist

Church at 1222 W. Kiest Blvd. A welcome reception, including a memorial tribute, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday night, August 10. A banquet and dance will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 11. A breakfast and worship service

will be at 8 a.m. Sunday August 12, all at the hotel.

The \$127.00 each reunion fee for class members and spouses includes souvenir booklets. The deadline for all payments is July 15, 2012. Meals

will be provided free for the classes' former teachers. Class members should mail payments to Tri-Class Reunion, Class of 1962, P. O. Box 398359, Dallas, Texas 75339. For further information, contact Lawrence Ken-

nedy at 214-202-6283, lawrence.kennedy1@sbcglobal.net; Norman Whitlow at 972-217-0861, normanbiehoa@hotmail.com; and Lee Anderson at 214-549-1787, biglee73@sbcglobal.net.

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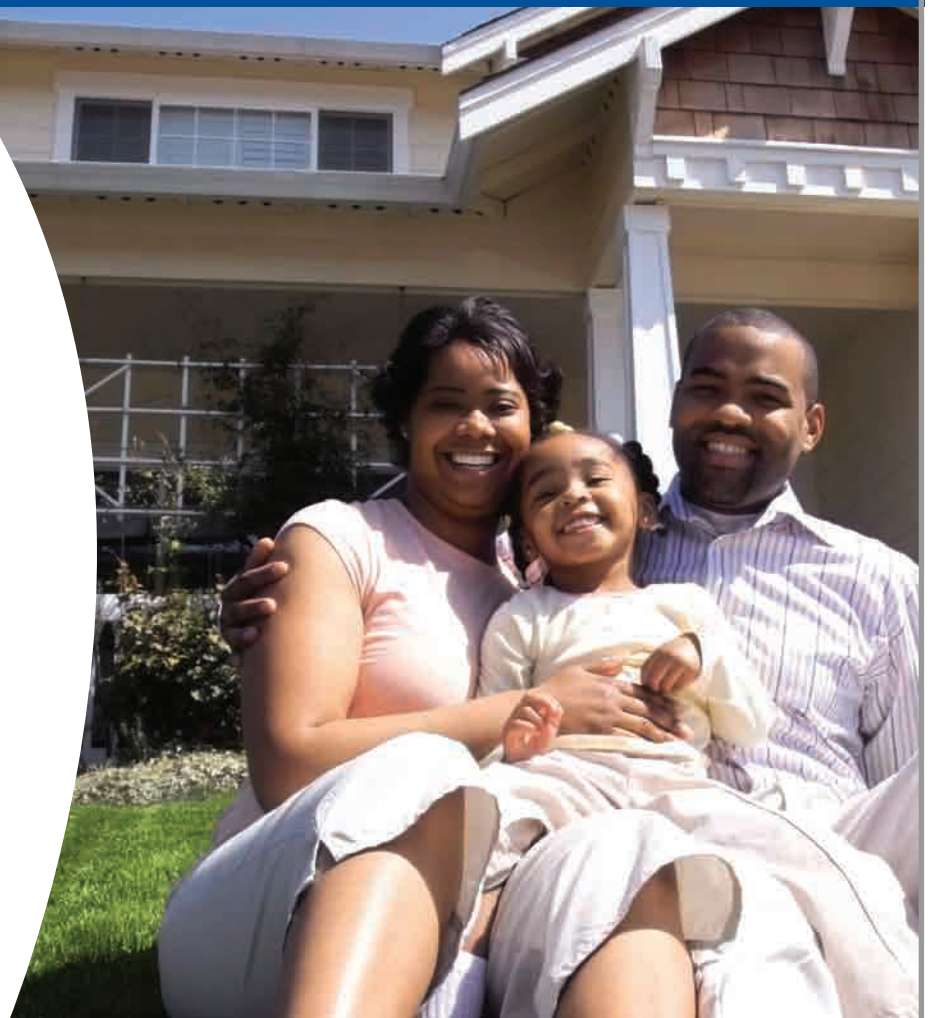
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President Abraham Lincoln and the Juneteenth Celebration: Something you should know

BY DR. THEMAN R. TAYLOR, SR.,
SPECIAL NDG
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It has been one hundred and fifty years since the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, issued a preliminary copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, after the Battle of Antietam, September 22, 1862, declaring, "...all persons held as slaves within any state or designated part of a state, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then thenceforward, and forever free", free as the first day January 1863." (The Confederates name for the battle was the Sharpsburg Battle) This Proclamation was scheduled to become effective January 1, 1863.

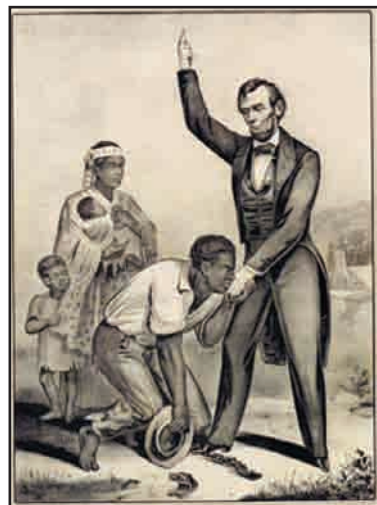
True to his promise, the popular and often controversial president, issued the official and final copy of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. We should note the Proclamation did not impact enslaved Africans held in states not rebelling against the United States -Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky and Missouri - they remained slaves! The Proclamation suggested one can not own another human being, unless one is loyal to the United States.

As Commander in Chief of the military, this Proclamation issued by Lincoln, 149 years later is still at the forefront of controversy because of the lack of agreement on the intent and meaning of the Proclamation. For example, did the Proclamation free some slaves in the United States as celebrations suggest, or did the Proclamation maintain slavery in states considered loyal, or with the prospect of losing the war, was the Proclamation an attempted bribe for the Confederate States to stop rebelling, lay down their arms and keep their slaves or was the Proclamation a military measure to end the fighting and killing among Americans for the

preservation of the United States of America?

Let's examine Lincoln's action and behavior and the celebration attributed to him. The policy pursued by him in August 1862 was, "My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or destroy slavery."

After elaborating on his point he went on to state that, as Commander in Chief he had the right "to take any measure which may best subdue the enemy." To allay southern fears, in his first inaugural address, he made it clear he would not interfere



This Currier & Ives Collection print from Springfield Museums symbolizes the gratitude of freed slaves to President Abraham Lincoln for their liberation. It represents a romanticized version of history.

with slavery where it existed in the United States. In fact, he felt he had no legal right to do so! His job was to protect the constitution not violate it. An amendment to the constitution was required, considering that said constitution from its inception, did not mention the word (slavery) in the document until it was abolished, thus, said constitution recognized, encouraged and protected the institution of slavery! The Republican Party's platform were opposed to the expansion of slavery, however, the President felt the competition with slavery would have a negative impact on free White labor in the new territories.

We should also know that

on the issue of political and social equality, Lincoln was opposed to allowing Blacks the right to vote, serving as jurors as well as holding public office. In his words, "There was an immutable physical barrier of color and probably of mental and moral inferiority separating the Black and White races," and "Black men were certainly not his equal in color."

Lincoln believed in compensated emancipation with the owners approval, he had a strong distaste for the abolitionist and the abolitionist movement, but felt Blacks were to be included under "all men" in the Declaration of Independence by the Founders, not equal in all respect! No race-mixing, especially interracial procreation. According to Lincoln, if freed, the races must be kept apart to prevent the mixing of the bloods.

One of his solutions to the race problem was colonization. This policy was a solution advocated earlier by the 3rd President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson. In fact many of Lincoln's views on race, racism and politics were advocated previously by the 3rd President of the United States as outline in his *Notes On The State of Virginia*.

According to Jefferson, Blacks and Whites cannot live together in the United States. If freed Blacks must go, deep-rooted prejudice by Whites remembering of injuries suffered by Blacks, would produce confusion for both groups; they could never get together, he suggested.

In August 1862, one month before issuing his preliminary copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln summoned the so-called leaders of the Black community to the White House and revealed his plans. He told the group that

money had been appropriated by Congress to colonize their kind outside the United States. The President further stated that the physical differences between the races and the problems created made racial harmony unacceptable and impossible.

The President's colonization plea divided Blacks, some left under the country under the plan, and some returned but for the most part Lincoln's plan to make ex-slaves equal in another country, whereas he could not do so in his own, was a complete failure.

This information raises the question of why Lincoln is showered with praise and, of course, why he is associated in a positive manner with the JUNETEENTH celebration! Why?

The story goes that the celebration of freedom began with the arrival in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 of a little known military person, General Gordon Granger (1822-1876) armed with an alleged executive document, General Orders Number 3, citing the end of slavery in Texas. Was the military officer citing the Emancipation Proclamation? It was not an executive order signed by President Lincoln, he was shot on the 14th of April 1865, and died the following day, April 15, on Good Friday.

The controversy continues, but at any rate the response of Blacks to the military officer was joyous and with great praise! They were overtaken by the news of their 'so-called' liberation. It is a strangeness, and most perplexing, by numerous African American historians and scholars, that, often, we are so easily led.

So eager to believe, so blinded by praise, even if from those who have shown us ill-will and caused us to die needlessly and be treated like ignorant bystanders to history.

Ah, in the spirit of freedom, in the modern era, Lincoln and his Emancipation Proclamation is praised be-

cause for those who do not study or seek knowledge via our own books. It set us FREE! Nevertheless the 19th

has the unique distinction of being the only person to be governor of two states), and in February 1861 an Ordinance

About The Author



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of June or the JUNETEENTH celebration is a CELEBRATION of FREEDOM

Let's look at some things we should know:

- Slavery was officially abolished in the United States when the 39th Congress ratified the 13th Amendment in DECEMBER 1865. (This author is GRATEFUL that the Confederate States of America rejected the attempted BRIBE of President Lincoln: that if they 'stop fighting, lay down your arms, come back before January 1, 1863 and you can keep your slaves'.)

- Abraham Lincoln and his Emancipation Proclamation did not free slaves in America.

- Texans should stop implying this falsehood and surely not teach it in our community center, our churches, our organizations and our schools.

- There is no place in our lives for 'feel good history.' And surely there is no justification for the term "FATHER Abraham" in reference to the 16th President of the United States.

- In June 1865, Texas was not part of the United States!

Over the opposition of Governor Sam Houston, (who

of Secession was adopted by the Texas Lawmakers. The people voted in favor of approval and in March 1861 Texas succeeded from the United States and became along with ten other states, a part of the Confederate States of America.

In June 1865, when the General rode into the Galveston Texas area, he had no official jurisdiction, Texas were not part of the United States. Texas, like other former Confederate States, except Tennessee, had to comply with the Reconstruction Act of 1867 and other laws passed while they were not a part of the Union, in order to return to the United States. They did, and around 1870 they were full partners again in the United States of America. An ancestral freedom celebration is a worthy project undertaken, however we must be careful that we do not contribute to the continuance of our own ignorance.

HELL TO THE CHIEF, ABRAHAM LINCOLN - THE 16TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE EFFORTS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Black Music Month celebration hosted by Black Cinematheque

It is black music month and cause for celebration at the Black Cinematheque Dallas on Friday, June 15. Music will begin at 7 p.m. with movies starting at 7:30 p.m., the evening will feature two films.

The first film Say My Name is about women in the music industry overcoming their troubles and life pres-



ures. These MCs include Remy Ma, Rah Digga, Jean Grae, Erykah Badu, Estelle, MC Lyte, Roxanne Shante, Monie Love and newbies of the industry Chocolate Thai, Invincible and Miz Korona. These women have what it takes to be successful despite of the many obstacles they are confronted

with, as they are powerful businesswomen of today.

The second film is Fela—Fresh from Africa tells the story of Nigerian Musical Warrior, Fela Anikulapo Kuti. There will be wine, watermelon, and popcorn to satisfy your appetite.

The cost for these events celebrating black music is \$10 and will be held at 3400 S. Fitzhugh St. in South Dallas. For more information call 214-426-1683.

ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC among networks promising parents online rating tools by December 2012

Monday June 11 the ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, TeleFutura, Telemundo and Univision broadcast networks announced a plan to provide additional ratings tools to give parents even greater decision-making power over their family's media consumption.

Parents will now be able use the TV ratings system

when children access broadcast television programs on the Internet. The networks are making the ratings information available for all full-length entertainment programs that stream on the websites that they control.

Each company will determine its own systems, and the networks have committed

that the TV ratings will appear at the beginning of full-length video programs and also in the online programming descriptions. Network websites will also include or link to ratings system information. This commitment is effective for rated programming televised beginning December 1, 2012.

Grammy Nominated Shirley Murdock on stage in Dallas

The Replacement Wife, a new gospel stage play by Dallas author Tiffany L. Warren and directed by Laterras R. Whitfield debuts in Dallas on June 29, at Christian Chapel in Dallas. The cast is anchored by R&B and Gospel Legend Shirley Murdock and Gary "Lil G" Jenkins from the 1990's R&B group Silk.

Proceeds from The Replacement Wife support the Faith and Fiction Retreat, an annual literary event that features faith-based entertainment in literature, film and



Billingsley or the Free General Session at Christian Chapel (14120 Noel Rd., Dallas) on Saturday, June 30 from 1-4 p.m. During the General Session is a special event for Teen readers. All teens receive a free book to encourage summer literacy.

To purchase tickets for The Replacement Wife visit www.warrenproductions.net. Visit the Faith and Fiction Retreat website at www.faithandfictionretreat.com for details on all of the weekend's events.

Tyra Banks a cougar?

BY KENDRIA BROWN,
NDG INTERN

We all love the lovely Ms. Tyra Banks who has been around for years and it's not shocking that younger men love her as well. In fact, these days it seems Tyra has an equal interest in them as well.

First, Tyra and young rapper Drake were spotted out on the town a little while back. Well now the American model is taking the like to another youngin' Robert Evans. He is a 24 year old former boxer from Britain who will be a

judge on her American Top Model series. Banks definitely likes to be on top since the 38 year old cannot get enough of the youngest and hottest men around.

Banks and Evans were seen having drinks together which started the rampant speculation, when he put his arms around Tyra as they supposed headed to Evans' hotel room. So, looks like Evans is getting his cake and eating it too with the new



job and woman. The two appear to have the hottest chemistry and they do look good together if I must say so myself.

Maybe this encounter will last

longer than the previous for Ms. Banks, what do you think? Tell me your thoughts in the website comments or on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette.



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Texas Lottery Commission Hosting Annual Historically Underutilized Business Forum

The Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) is continually seeking ways to help Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) and their annual business forum is one avenue. The event is scheduled for Thursday, June 28 from 1 – 4:30 p.m. at 611 East 6th Street in Austin.

The forum will provide information about the TLC's HUB program, procurement processes, and Mentor Protégé initiatives. It will also feature a roundtable networking session with key Lottery Commission staff and prime contractor representatives.

The event is free and open to the public. Register by June 25 at www.txlottery.org/hub. For more information contact:

Joyce Bertolacini, HUB Coordinator 512-344-5293 or joyce.bertolacini@lottery.state.tx.us.

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Commuters will be offered a free weekly regional transit pass in exchange for a gasoline receipt. The passes are good for any DART, T or DCTA fixed route service. The idea is not only to entice customers to try transit, but to help calculate the cost of commuting in a single-occupant vehicle. For example, a daily Regional Pass is \$10, which provides access to all DART, T and DCTA bus and train services, including the Trinity Railway Express.

Using data from AAA,

APTA researchers determined that North Texas commuters who switch to the region's transit network may save more than \$9,000 in the annual cost of driving to work (based on data from AAA). Transit also encourages environmental sustainability. DART, T and DCTA buses run on either clean diesel or natural gas and DART's light rail fleet produces zero emissions.

Ticket exchange locations cover the region

Commuters interested in making the switch are in-

vited to bring a gasoline receipt to one of these locations.

Friday, June 15; 3 to 5 p.m.; Vista Ridge Mall's Center Court; 2401 S. Stemmons Fwy., Lewisville

Saturday, June 16; 2 to 4 p.m.; Mockingbird Station Shops; 5321 East Mockingbird Lane; Dallas 75206 2 to 4 p.m.

Irving Mall Center Court by Burlington Coat Factory; 3880 Irving Mall; Irving 75062

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plex several events are planned in celebration of Juneteenth this weekend. Please visit www.NorthDallasGazette.com for more listings. In fact, if you know of any events not listed, please post a comment.

June 15 - 16

Juneteenth Jazz Jam starring Martha Burks at the Clarence Muse Café Theatre in the Dallas Convention Center at 9 p.m.; Tickets \$15; Info: (214) 743-2400

June 16

Juneteenth in the Park "A Community Celebration of Freedom" at Old Settler's Park, 1201 E. Louisiana in McKinney at 5:30 p.m.; This event will include fun and activities for the kids and include a cook-out and more family fun. Info: 972-542-5014

Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration at Desoto Town Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run in Desoto at 5 p.m.; Music, games, car show, hair expo; Info:

972.230.9651

Juneteenth Celebration at Church in the City (CITC), 6005 Dalrock Rd. in Rowlett at 10 a.m.; Info: (972) 530 8323

Juneteenth Celebration at the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center, 3925 Jackson St. in Irving at 5 p.m.; Free and fun for the whole family and also explore the community's history; Info: 972-721-2501

Juneteenth Cultural Festival at Dallas Historical Fair Park in the Fair Park Bandshell on the Cotton Bowl Plaza at 10 a.m.; there will be artist performance, leaders, food, music and more; All day fun; tickets starting at \$5/\$10; Info: (828) 552-0431

June 16 - 17

Emancipation Day Art Showcase at Pan African Connection, 828 4th Ave at 12 noon; shopping, fashion, dance and more! Info: (682) 738-6489

June 18

Juneteenth Celebration at Carrollton Black Cemetery, 1615 W. Belt Line Road in Carrollton at 9 a.m.; Attendants will help clean the cemetery following which a Juneteenth Reflection Program will commence and lunch will be provided; cleaning materials can be brought from home as well as a lawn chair for sitting. Info: 972-242-0933

June 19

Juneteenth Event at MLK Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK Jr. Blvd at noon; event is free and will feature games, food, and entertainment; Info: <http://www.mlkcelebrationdallas.org/>

June 23

Urban League Guild Juneteenth Swing Out at SPJST Hall, 3100 Pleasant Valley in Arlington at 7:30 p.m.; There will be dance and excitement in this swing competition; Tickets \$15; Info: 214.662.5407

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Through September 23

Sandy Lake Amusement Park in Carrollton. Admission is \$2 and children under 3 years old is free (see family coupon for free admission online) and coupons for rides are \$.50. Info: www.sandy-lake.com

Through December 8

New Life Skills Certificate program for African Women each Saturday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Audelia Branch Library located 10045 Audelia Rd. (at Church St.) in Dallas. Info: hellen.fis-sihaie5@gmail.com

June 15

LMFAO Sorry for Party Rocking Tour at American Airlines Center at 7 p.m., tickets are \$25-\$99 @ Ticketmaster.com

June 16

25th Texas Black Invitational Rodeo at State Fair Coliseum in Fair Park at 7 p.m.; info: <http://www.aamdallas.org/index-a.php?p=6>

June 17

Join the **Father's Day House of Blues Sunday Gospel Brunch** 11am and 1:30pm. Live Gospel Show with Lady Diamond and special guests Zion Travelers. Reservations 214-978-2583 or www.ticketmaster.com

"A mini day of Glamour: Honoring Single Moms on Father's Day at 2:30 p.m., Roman Hair Salon, 3030 N. Josey Lane, Carrollton - faithfulvows.com

June 20

The African Chamber of Commerce is hosting **Unlock the Opportunity to do business with the Federal Government** 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Park Inn by Radisson Love Field, 1231 W. Mockingbird in Dallas. Info: 214. 628-2569 or www.african-chamberdfw.com.

June 22 – July 12

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Wyly Theater www.DallasTheaterCenter.org

June 22-23

George Lopez Comedy Event at the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm, at 8 p.m. Info: ticketmaster.com

June 23

Buddy Guy/ Johnny Lang blues artists at Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie at 8:30 p.m.; tickets \$15 and up; Info: 972-854-5050

The K104 Future of Hip Hop Concert Series Pluto Party at the Palladium Ballroom at 9 p.m.; performing artists include Future, Pusha T, and Yung Nation; tickets \$75; Info: 972-343-2444

June 24

12th Annual Battle of the Brains at Josey Ranch Lake Library at 1700 Keller Springs Rd. in Carrollton from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m.

June 25

Greater Lake Highlands AARP Chapter 3881 Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Lake Highlands United Methodist Church, 9015 Plano Rd.; Info on Social Security and Medicare;

Lunch after meeting

June 25-29

Xtreme Response Camp provides a hands-on look at public safety and disaster preparedness for ages 12-16. Cost is \$140 per child. Info: cityoflewistown.com or 972-219-5012

June 26-27

Michael Jackson Immortal World Tour with Cirque du Soleil at American Airlines Center, tickets are \$50 - \$150 @ ticketmaster.com

June 29

New Edition with El DeBarge at Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m.; tickets starting at \$54; Info: axs.com

July 1

Shark Conservation at Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park - Learn why many shark species are in decline and what you can do to help ensure a bright future for one of the ocean's top predators.

July 4

The Plano Symphony Orchestra along with the Plano Civic Chorus and the Patriotic Pops Chorus present this **4th of July concert** at 3 p.m. at the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts at 2351 Performance Drive, in Richardson. Info: 972-473-7262 or planosymphony.org

July 6

Ledisi R&B Performance at the Majestic Theatre at 8 p.m. Info: Ticketmaster.com

July 12

"The Resurrection of Harriet Tubman." Lecturer and actor Melissa Waddy-Thibodeaux will give a live storytelling performance in which she will dramatically relate tales from the life of the famed African-American abolitionist, Union spy and Underground Railroad operator. 6:30 p.m. at Lewisville Public Library

July 29

Nicki Minaj Pink Friday Tour at Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie at 7:30 p.m.;

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June 19, 7:30 p.m.

You're invited to our School of The Prophets as Pastor Voss; who is also a prophet, bring the Word of God; and we worship and praise His Holy name.

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Father's Day in the United States is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. It honors the contribution that fathers and father-figures make for their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in 1907.

It is this Sunday, June 17, 2012; and for the last 65 years my maternal side of the family has celebrated the third weekend and Juneteenth at the Baker-Smith Family Reunion in Mexia, Texas. For 40 plus years, I have attended the reunion, giving thanks and praises to God for blessing my family because I believe that a family is life's greatest blessing, honored by God Himself.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States and honors Black heritage. The term is a combination or joining of June and nineteenth. It was on June 19, 1865 that the Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. Juneteenth is recognized as a state holiday or state observance in 41 U.S. states.

A "father" is one that God ordained and honors. There are many "fathers" that are God-fearing and attempts to or tries to be the man that has compassion and humility. He is one that prays for his family, his pastor and church. He also

prays for his friends, community, neighborhood and workplace.

A praying father that his family unconditional is a good man at home, in his community, at his workplace, in his church, and around his friends and neighbors at all times.

Some fathers that I celebrate and honor are: My son, Jarrell Tarpley; my son-in law, William (Bill) Lott; My godly friend, Eugene H. Tinner; my uncles, Charlie Baker and Monaque Carter, Sr.; my pastor and friend, Dr. Gregory Voss; and David Fielding.

It is my belief that the "Secret to Happiness" for any father is: 1) Trusting God in the face of adversity. 2) Forgetting the unpleasant things that come into life and focusing on the good things. 3) Apologizing if he believes that he has offended someone because he

has learned that a sincere apology is the superglue of life. 4) Willing to admit an error; and do his best to learn from them. 5) A father tries his best to avoid mistakes. 6) He is willing to listen to sound advice; and ask God to help him make the right decision. 7) Keep his temper (God said to be ye angry and sin not. 8) He will shoulder the blame. 9) A father will make the best of things. 10) Maintain high standards for himself and his family. 11) Think first, pray and act accordingly. 12) He will put the needs of his family and others before his own. 13) A father will forgive and forgive some more. 14) He will pray without ceasing for family, friends, his church members, leaders of his church and leaders our country.

Happy Father's Day to every "father" one and all!



Ms. Donna R. Patrick, author of "At All Times" will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Prayer Breakfast for New Jerusalem AME Church in the Dallas Love Field Community for their Bernice Chatman Freeman Missionary Society on June 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Pastoral Counseling Center unveils image update

Pastoral Counseling Center (PCC), formerly Pastoral Counseling and Education Center, recently announced their new tagline "healing matters." The meaning behind the message is two-fold. First, it communicates PCC's staff members' ability to help individuals work towards healing their mental



health matters. Secondly, it communicates to clients, their families and the community the importance of mental health treatment.

Clients want to be

knowledgeable and comfortable with PCC before they step foot into a therapist's office. As a result, a major portion of the update is the development of a new website, www.pcc-dallas.org. The site provides information on all of

their available services.

"In today's society, seeking mental health treatment usually has a negative connotation. One of our goals is to overcome this association by getting information about PCC out to North Texas," said Wayne Albrecht, Executive Director of Pastoral Counseling Center.

"Individuals should be praised for their pursuit of a more meaningful and happier life, and we feel healing matters clearly communicates our vision."

Pastoral Counseling Center is the largest faith-based counseling center in the Metroplex. The not-

for-profit organization believes everyone should have access to treatment, regardless of their financial status, and offers an adjusted fee payment scale based on income for clients. For more information, call 214.526.4525 or visit www.pccdallas.org.

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benefit UT Arlington in many ways, said W. Marvin Dulaney, chair of the UT Arlington Department of History and a key organizer of the new center, which officially launches in August.

"Dr. Hatcher understands the significance of the center at this time and how to build its ability to respond to community needs," said Dulaney.

Hatcher said she is honored to have the opportunity to help shape the vision and mission of the center and provide guidance in the development to its degree program, research and advocacy agenda, and community collaborations.

"The center will facilitate the discourse that focuses on race and the significant context of historical, cultural, and community influences on the diverse experiences of blacks in America. It will serve as a vital intellectual and social resource for the community, on and off campus," she said. "It is my hope that our students, faculty and staff, and community stakeholders will be enlightened, inspired and prepared to be a part of social change."

The Center for African American Studies is a collaboration between the UT Arlington School of Social Work and the College of Lib-

eral Arts. It initially will offer an introductory course and a rigorous minor in African American Studies. The minor will require 18 semester credit hours comprising courses from various departments. The center will also

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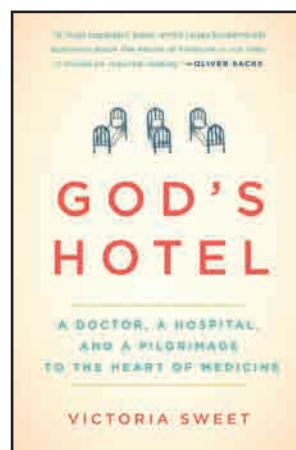
Degree in hand, and wanting to further study Hildegard's methods, Sweet sought part-time work in a hospital setting

— something that's rare in the medical world — and found Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco.

Laguna Honda was a rarity, a Middle Ages institution in the 20th century. The French would call it Hôtel-Dieu (God's Hotel) but it was known in the United States as an almshouse, a hospital for the homeless and poor, a place for sick people with no money and nowhere else to go.

Sweet made a two-month commitment. She stayed for more than 20 years.

Laguna Honda was a "special place" where rare ailments were surprisingly common and staff cared personally about their patients. Obviously, Sweet loved it there, but things



changed when city officials took charge of the gently aging hospital: the old way of practice disappeared in favor of budget cuts, politics, government interference, lawsuits, and commit-

tees. Still, Sweet discovered a place for thousand-year-old medicine; for old-fashioned sitting, waiting, hands-on assessment, and for things she learned from a long-dead mentor.

As I read, I try to flag certain passages to jog my memory for writing this column. So let me tell you how much I enjoyed *God's Hotel*: I forgot to take notes.

It wasn't the patient anecdotes that pulled me in, although I couldn't get enough of them. It wasn't watching the hospital morph into something different, although that made me scream in sympathy. I think what I loved so much about this book is that spending time with author Victoria Sweet's words

is so calming.

Sweet shares her journey — both literally and figuratively — with readers in a voice that seems like a cool hand on a feverish forehead or a gentle rub on a shoulder. She lets us share her discoveries, both in hospital and outside, and we're often transported back in time with them. Sweet teaches her readers, and we become eager students.

"... none of us knows what is valuable to God," says Sweet but I think you'll find this book valuable to you. If you're concerned about social issues, especially healthcare, then *God's Hotel* is a book to check into.

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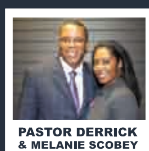
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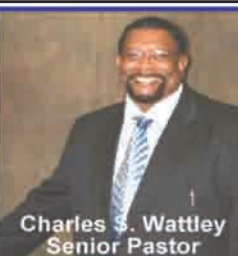
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