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People In The News



Ben Chavis has been named CEO of H3 Enterprises, a publicly traded company that is planning an international roll out of their HipHopSodaShops.

Chavis, who is also cofounder and President of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network and former head of the NAACP, said the HipHopSodaShops has the potential to create jobs, revitalize inner-city communities and provide educational tools for a new generation. Several well known artists have invested in the HipHopSodaShop franchise, including rappers Juvenile and Juellz Santana and football player Warren Sapp, who opened a store in his hometown of Saint Petersburg, Florida. "My vision for H3 is to lead the company forward to become the most profitable, community conscious brand in the world," continued Chavis. "We will utilize the magnificent talents of some of our greatest athletes, artists, and entertainers to fulfill the economic aspirations of the Hip-Hop Generation. We will educate our youth about the benefits and power of investment and ownership, and about the tremendous economic opportunities that lie ahead for all of us." H3 is also producing an energy drink for Ben Gordon, titled BG7 White Tea Energy Blast, which was successfully test marketed in Chicago.

Dr. John H. Jackson, will become the Schott Foundation's new President as of July 2, 2007. Dr. Jackson joins The Schott Foundation after seven productive years in leadership positions at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He replaces former Schott President Rosa A. Smith, Ph.D. and plans to take the program successes she set in motion at Schott to the next level. Dr. Jackson served as the NAACP Chief Policy Officer and prior to that as the NAACP's National Director of Education. Before joining the NAACP, Dr. Jackson served in the Clinton Administration as Senior Policy Advisor in the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Jackson also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Race, Gender, and Public Policy at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. Dr. Jackson possesses a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Xavier University of Louisiana; a Master of Education degree in Education Policy from the University of Illinois College of Education; and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law. In addition, Dr. Jackson received a Master of Education and Doctorate of Education in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.



Barbara Hillary, Harlem native who turns 76 this month, made history by reaching the North Pole. Hillary, a cancer survivor, reached the pole April 23 and is believed to be the first African American woman to accomplish the feat. Hillary set off from Newark to Sweden and Norway on April 14 and then flew to a base camp where she joined two guides and other travelers. The group waited two days until the weather was safe and then took a helicopter and sled for a day to reach the pole. With average daily temperatures between 20 and 40 degrees below zero, Hillary had less than her usual energy. She said, "There were moments when I thought, 'Are you crazy, Barbara?'" Despite it all, when she made it to the pole, Hillary said, "I was screaming and yelling." Representative Gregory Meeks is to introduce a resolution in Congress to honor her.

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And Then Were Two... Support For Leppert, Oakley Split Along Geographic, Racial Lines

By: Paul Halley
 In a race pollsters are declaring as too close to call, candidates Tom Leppert and Ed Oakley are each depending on large voter turnout in Saturday's runoff election to become the next mayor of Dallas. A recent poll conducted by WFAA-TV showed businessman Tom Leppert winning 47% of voters with councilman Ed Oakley garnering 45% of voters polled.



Tom Leppert

Pollster Mickey Blum agreed that Saturday's race hinges on voter turnout. "It could go either way," Blum said. "It depends on who cares to show up and who's going to be pulling their voters. This is all about giving people a reason to show up on Saturday."
 Not surprisingly, support for the candidates is split among geographic, economic and racial lines. Mr. Leppert, the north Dallas candidate and the choice of business interests across the city, is strong among white, older and more affluent voters in the northern parts of the city. His strong support in the northern sector may explain why

Mr. Leppert diligently worked behind the scenes to obtain the endorsement of former rival, Mayor Pro Tem and southern

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The Power Of The Black Father

By: Hazel Trice Edney - NNPA Washington Correspondent
 LAS VEGAS (NNPA) - Some Black fathers come home wearing a suit and tie every day. Some may arrive wearing coveralls, speckled with paint. Others come wearing a blue-collar uniform after riding the garbage truck. Still others come home after a long day of just looking for work.

No matter the circumstances, if they arrive in the spirit of love, they bring a power to the home that cannot be substituted.
 That is the sentiment of men interviewed by the NNPA News Service during the 100 Black Men of America's 21st Annual Conference in Las Vegas, last week.
 With the theme, "Taking Control of Our Future" as a backdrop, they all concluded one thing: The experiences of a Black man in America can be transformed into a mobilizing force that every child can look up to and admire.
 "You look at the way that this country was built on the backs of Black men," says record producer

Kashif, a former orphan who is now raising two foster children as a single father. "You look at the fact that millions of us survived the journey from Africa to here. And we survived the journey of America. So, we have the power to instill in our young people how to build a nation of resources," he says.
 "The knowledge, the energy, the development, when we're there, the whole world is an unlimited universe," says the non-millionaire, who, as Michael Jones grew up in at least eight foster homes in Brooklyn, N.Y. "But, when we're absent, obviously that takes away from the power of the Black family. Black men bring power into a family,"

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State Senator Royce West Responds To State Representative Yvonne Davis

In the 14 years you have allowed me to serve as State Senator, I have not previously ventured into an area that I must now proceed to set the record straight. A letter has been penned by State Representative Yvonne Davis that mis-characterizes the legislation in question, misrepresents her own actions, vilifies my use of acceptable parliamentary procedures, and attempts to call into question, my record on the protection of property owner rights. The question that should be asked is why would Rep. Davis kill the chance for our children to have an opportunity to obtain an affordable law school education?



State Senator Royce West

Dallas County residents need to ask why Rep. Davis killed HB3057, a bill that would increase protections for property owners as well as create a law school in downtown Dallas. Let's look at the facts. Fact: HB3057 was a bill that would have enhanced private property rights. Fact: HB3057 was a legitimate vehicle for the legislation to create the law school. Fact: The concept was supported by the House author of the bill and the Senate sponsor.

Fact: The House parliamentarian gave the concept a thumbs-up. Fact: A commitment that the bill would not proceed to the Governor's desk without her amendments provided Rep. Davis the political leverage she needed to let the bill move forward. But instead of working with others, she decided to kill the bill on a technicality that could have been remedied. Furthermore, I made several calls to the representative - all unreturned - trying to determine what her issues were with the bill. Thereafter, I solicited the support of community leaders in Dallas asking that they call her and request that she not kill the opportunity to provide our young people an affordable law school education and that she work with others to find common ground

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Good And Bad Grades For Wachovia Bank

By: Alvin A. Reid - Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American
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St. Louis (NNPA) - While St. Louis is losing a locally based financial giant, its new owner has a solid track record when it comes to diversity and minority participation.

Wachovia Corp. has acquired A.G. Edwards Inc., which will be folded into Wachovia

Securities. It will now handle \$1.1 trillion in client assets and nearly 15,000 financial advisors.

The combined retail brokerage organization still is headquartered in St. Louis, with the parent company based in Charlotte, N.C.

Two years ago, Wachovia became one of the first companies (along with Eastman Kodak) to acknowledge it had profited directly from slavery.

Two banks it had acquired decades ago had owned slaves and benefited financially from their possession.

The financial leader commissioned The History Factory, a historic research group, to analyze past holdings and showed that one of the banks, Georgia Railroad and Banking Co., owned at

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Running Away From Blackness - Or At Least Trying To

By: James Clinegan - NNPA Columnist
 As they say in New York, "Fa-get about it!" It's sad to see some of our brothers and sisters making every attempt to deny who and what they are. We hear it in their statements, we see it in their actions, and we feel it in our relationships with one another.

Plain and simple, some Black folks are trying to run away from their Blackness. They do it in all sorts of ways, but it's mainly to appease white people in hope they will see a "different kind of Black person." That's how O.J. Simpson used to be characterized, before they showed him the doorway back to his Blackness - even though he still has not taken the hint. Now it's being said about Barack Obama: "...he is not Black in the usual way," said one White commentator.

We have some serious psychological problems, obvious vestiges of our conditioning and maintenance over several generations, but trying to run away from who we are is the

height of madness for Black people; besides, it's rife with futility. It is also shameful considering the legacy left by us for our forebears. Are they lying cold in their graves now, having sacrificed themselves for our true freedom, for a cause from which we are now trying to distance ourselves?

Obama's statement, "...There is no Black America" is indicative of a fear that we will be alienated from White people if we do not give deference to them by suggesting that we are really not Black, but rather we are "neutral." It seems to me they would want us to be who we are rather than pretend and play silly games. When it's all said and done, they will make their decisions about us based on their respective social paradigms and parameters anyway. So why are we scared? Why try to run away from your Blackness?

Obama tells Blacks not to vote for him because he is Black, which I am sure he is

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Facing A Financial Crisis, Bond Asks Public To 'Show Some Love' To The NAACP

By: Hazel Trice Edney - NNPA Washington Correspondent
 Washington - NAACP Chairman Julian Bond says the 98-year-old organization, which confirmed last week that it is cutting 40 percent of the staff at its Baltimore headquarters, is appealing for public help.
 "We've asked our regular supporters to redouble their contributions and are asking

anyone who has benefited from the work of the NAACP to 'show some love' by putting a check in the mail and becoming a member." Bond told the NNPA News Service this week.

But, that's not all. He says the organization has also "called upon our board members and SCF Trustees to give

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Carter Classics! Cowboy Cool! 1977 Class Of Dallas' D.W. Carter Holds 30-Year High School Reunion

(DALLAS, TX - May 11, 2007) In 1977, Darh Vader (James Earl Jones) ruled space and screen in Star Wars; pop culture and Saturday Night Fever inspired the nation's disco craze and Jimmy Carter was inaugurated President of the United States. And the "Carter Cowboys were all that!" We're Carter Classics! We're Cowboy Cool!

Three decades later, 1977's classic Dallas Carter Cowboys

are still "growing strong" and "growing wiser" with alumni across the United States and international locations! We're looking for more 1977 graduates to share in upcoming D.W. Carter Class of 1977 Reunion activities, beginning Friday, July 6 through Sunday, July 8, 2007 in Dallas at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 2727 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, 75207.

Reunion registration started last fall and closes on Saturday, June 23, 2007. Class

members who are not yet registered and parents, family members of friends of any unregistered 1977 Carter graduates can share address and other contact updates with 2007 Reunion coordinators at our website: www.dwcarterclassof77.com or by telephone at: (972)709-3981. All-inclusive cost for the 30th Reunion is \$75.00 per person; with collector's polo shirt \$85.00/per person.



"50 And Lovin It!!"

Alisa Peoples of the R&B Singing duo Yarbrough and Peoples will celebrate her 50th birthday with a party at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex Saturday, June 30, 2007 7:00 pm - 11 -00 pm.

Alisa Peoples is a native of Dallas. The duo consists of Cavin Yarbrough and Alisa Peoples. They were discovered by Charlie Wilson of the GAP Band, and signed to the Total

Experience Production in 1980. Their biggest hit single was "Don't Stop the Music" from their debut album The Two of Us, released in 1980. The album went gold, peaking at #16 in the Billboard Hot 200 album chart. The UK single release of "Don't Stop the Music" also reached #7 in the UK Singles Chart, early the following year.

Yarbrough and Peoples'

continued their R&B single chart successes throughout the 1980s with four more R&B Top Ten hits, including "Heartbeats," "Don't Waste Your Time", "Guilty" and "I Wouldn't Lie".

Yarbrough & Peoples currently own a production company in DeSoto, Texas with a roster of four groups. They continue to write and produce music as well as perform concerts and theatrical productions.

To schedule an interview or for other questions, please call Cavin Yarbrough at 469-643-6803 or 469 658-9454 cavin-yarbrough@yahoo.com or ayarbrough2007@yahoo.com.



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support is strongest in southern Dallas, he has strength among black, Hispanic, younger and less affluent voters. The District 3 City Council member lives in

political heavyweight and Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price. Mr. Price had inexcusably backed Max Wells in the general election.

Mr. Oakley has recently taken heat from Mr. Leppert about attack ads he has been running urging southern sector voters to vote against Leppert. Mr. Oakley and the Dallas County Democratic Party are canvassing southern Dallas with campaign flyers and radio commercials on black stations that emphasizes Mr. Leppert's Republican affiliations. Mr. Oakley has also been critical of the amount of money Mr. Leppert has spent in his campaign against him. "He has outspent me 2-1 to get to where he is, a dead heat," Oakley said. "Sure, my base is in the southern sector. But you shore up your

base and you take a piece of your opponent's base to win. I just have to really push my message."

One of the more interesting (and underemphasized) aspects of the campaign is the fact that if elected, Ed Oakley would be the first openly gay mayor of Dallas. While this fact would seem to vote against him relatively conservative Dallas, Oakley's sexual preference is the proverbial 900 pound elephant in the room for this campaign. There are an estimated 100,000 gay and lesbian residents in the Dallas metroplex. No one watching this campaign has any idea how many of these residents are registered voters or how many are Ed Oakley supporters. Either way, the race that started with 11, will be down to one after all the votes are counted Saturday night.



Ed Oakley

Oak Cliff, and has countered Mr. Hill's endorsement of Tom Leppert with the endorsement of

By contrast, Mr. Oakley's

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Around The Town

Ongoing
The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2004 Country Club Drive in McKinney

Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglas Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistance-league-gc.org.

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low-income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligi-

ble families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. For more info call S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858.

Late Night at the Dallas Museum of Art. Join us on the third Friday of each month at 1717 N. Harwood. \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students with current school I.D. 214-922-1200, publicprograms@DallasMuseumofArt.org.

Dallas Baptist University-North Leadership Empowerment Luncheon Series is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Dallas Baptist University-North, 3211 Internet Blvd., Suite 100, Frisco. For more info, call 214-333-5777 or e-mail dbunorth@dbu.edu.

The Yundrae Show the live television taping every Thursday. The doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:45pm. There are door prizes and giveaways each week. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Check it out at: www.yundraeshow.com

June 15
Flamefest Annual Competitive Soccer Tournament at Rushburt Soccer Complex & McKinney Soccer Complex at Craig Ranch; June 15-17; For application & rules go to website: www.blackwatch-soccer.net or Contact Tournament Director 972-390-0525 FAX: 214-544-1123 EMAIL: flamefestsoccer@hotmail.com

June 16
Southwest Juneteenth Celebration Celebrating Texas Heroes 4pm - 10pm Valley Ridge Park, Cedar Hill. Texans Bessie Coleman, Barbara Jordan, and Scott Joplin, "The King of Ragtime" will be honored at the event.

7th Annual Love Hangover Conference Do the Write Thing: Answering God's Call 9am -2pm Christian Chapel Temple of Faith Church 14120 Noel Dallas registration \$25

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D.L. Hughley The star of "The Hughleys," "The Original King of Comedy," "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip," "Premium Blend," "Comic Relief," "Weekends at the D.L." and much more makes his debut Bass Hall appearance! Saturday, 8:00 PM

June 17
Shereese of Shereese Magazine Hosts Real Men Cook 2007, Real Men Cook returns to Dallas, with Dallas' largest celebration of Men in the community. Eddie Deen's Ranch Downtown Dallas, Sunday 3-6 pm. Sign-up now to register, sponsor or host: www.realmencook.com/dallas, 214-376-6530

June 18
Jubilee Theater Music Series Can't get enough of the Jubilee musicals? Then you won't want to miss Jubilee's first Music Series. Songbooks of Mahalia Jackson 8pm. Tickets \$10 (season ticket holders receive \$2 off) Jubilee Box Office 817-338-4411

June 19
Juneteenth Festivities Music, informal reception and festivities Paul Branch Library, 2008 E. Kiest Blvd Dallas, 2-4pm FREE; for additional information call 214-670-1952.

June 21
Dave Kovz & Friends with Special Guests David Benoit and Phil Perry 8:00 PM at Nokia Live Theater 1001 Next Stage Dr Grand Prairie Call 214-373-8000 Ticket info.

June 22
3rd Annual Peace Conference Hosts Benefit Concert June River, a small town girl turned international entrepreneur, who found that the true key to happiness is a life of "human being", instead of the overly worked "human doing" she once was. The performance of her "Walkin in the jewelry album and inspirational storytelling held at The Majestic Theatre 8pm Tickets \$20, \$30, and \$40 available at Ticketmaster.

June 23
The City of Plano Douglas

Community Center will host the 2007 Juneteenth Celebration. Join in the observance and enjoy a day of community service, family fun and games, live music, celebrity event, a carnival atmosphere and food vendors. 8-10 pm, 1111 H Avenue Plano FREE

Habitat Home Run 5K, 8:00 am Bob Woodruff Park, Plano; Visit www.habitat-scc.org/home-run5k07.htm for full details and register at www.getmeregistered.com

Dance With Lubliner In Flight Dance Theatre Starring Happy Nia Dance Theatre
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June 26
DART Bus Operator Job Fair's Must be at least 21 years of age: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 and Wednesday, June 27, 2007, 1401 Pacific Ave., DART Headquarters (Akard Station), Dallas 2nd Floor Auditorium, Phone 214-749-3636

The Listening Room a live Jazz set and Artist talk with Saxophone Marcel Ivery, Southside on Lamar, 1409 S. Lamar, Dallas, Phone 214-670-0315 Free

June 30
K104 Summer Jam 2007 starring Chris Brown with Paul Wall, Rasheda, Wu, Mimz, Mike Jones, Lil Mama, Crime Mob, Shop Boyz and more. 5pm Smirnoff Music Center 1818 1st Ave, Dallas 75210 Phone 214-421-1111 ticket information.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC Learning To Be A Father

By: James W. Breedlove
"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4)

I had just turned 21 when my daughter was born. The years seem to have flown by since then but I am still amazed and get the same feeling of overwhelming exuberance when I look at her first picture taken shortly after the delivery nurse let me see her. I could barely fathom the importance of this new life that I was a part of; so beautiful, so precious, and so full of undeveloped potential.

From that first moment I dreamed of what she could become. Would the stars and beyond be enough? Before I could sow the seeds of purpose, ambition and responsibility in her there were lessons that I had to learn in order to have any chance of fulfilling my obligations to this perfect gift from God. What better place to seek guidance than from His word? Good thing, for two sons were added to the family tree.

There are two scriptures in the New Testament (Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21) that deal specifically with fathers. The two passages are similar in cautioning fathers not to provoke their children to wrath. But Ephesians adds a direct instruction for fathers to teach children in the nature and admonitions of the Lord.

There is no role in modern society that suffers greater neglect as far as God is concerned than that of the father. Not only has God given men the incredible privilege of imitating Him as Father, He has placed upon the shoulders of fathers an awesome responsibility, com-

mensurate accountability, and unlimited possibility.

A committed father guards against a heavy-handed, overbearing attitude towards their child. Children are fragile, vulnerable souls. There is a difference between doing something that is right for them that does not meet with their approval (setting boundaries for their own good) and doing something that angers them for no valid reason (meaningless rules).

Paul's admonishment addresses the fine line between aggravation and decisiveness. Do not deal with them so severely that they become despondent and frustrated and despirited. You may deal with them decisively when you have to, but soften your words with love and caring consideration.

As with all blessings, there is also accountability. Fathers must realize that God gave the responsibility regarding our children to us. He did not give it to the mother, though their role is essential if it is to be carried out. He did not give it to the daycare center. He did not give it to the babysitter. He did not give it to the nanny. He did not give it to the grandparents. Nor did He give it to the church, the school, or the after-school youth program. He gave it to fathers. Therefore, fathers must understand they will bear the accountability consequence for failing to implement this responsibility on behalf of their children or the reward for doing so.

Ephesians speaks of the possibility of bringing up godly children despite the immorality and wickedness that surrounds them. The strength of the bond that is created between a father and his children will manifest itself in happy, well-adjusted children who love God and their families. These unbreakable family

bonds will stand firm against accepting the new society norms such as abandoning the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of children and the elderly in favor of material pursuits.

The reassuring thing about the "father scriptures" is that no matter how far a man may diverge from being the ideal father he can always go to God for direction, reassurance, and support. God is the ideal father. He is the father that sacrifices and gives His all for those that come to Him. He would never give His children bad or selfish advice, because He only wants the best for them. Human fathers need to emulate the God model.

If so, the father will be someone who gives his children the tools needed to build their life, the knowledge required to use the tools successfully, the encouragement to overcome obstacles, and the confidence to take pride in what they accomplish. The father will be the living model of excellence the child can follow.

A father must be a special kind of man that sets a course in life and follows through no matter what the obstacles. A special kind of man who aims to be the best and pursues his goals with passion and enthusiasm. The kind of man whose faith inspires faith, whose determination leads to admiration, and whose perseverance makes him a winner.

A good father is simply a man trying to be a better, more responsible man today than he was yesterday, while maintaining or improving the quality of the family relationship.

It's a tough job and after 50 years I have come to realize that I am still learning how to be a father.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com

U.S. Warship Launches Strikes At Somali Target

Special to the NNPA from GIN (GIN)—U.S. Military involvement in Somalia's factional fighting took a new and worrying turn with a series of naval strikes on suspected al-Qaeda targets.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates declined to comment on the naval strikes, saying it was possibly an ongoing operation. An American and five foreign

nationals are said to be among the casualties of Friday's attack by cruise missiles fired by the American warship.

According to the vice president of Puntland, a semi-autonomous region, American Special Operations soldiers are also on the ground, helping Somali security forces.

"Three Americans came into organizers of the Toronto event said.

In Ottawa, opposition Liberal Party Leader Stéphane Dion called the visa refusal surprising. "There have been problems in the past," Dion said of Madikizela-Mandela's criminal convictions, but to prevent her from coming in the country, it is something that they need to justify."

In 1991, the former Mrs. Mandela was sentenced to six years in jail for her role in a kidnapping case. The sentence was

reduced to a fine on appeal, but she was later convicted of fraud and theft charges.

Madikizela-Mandela, 73, was in New York two weeks ago to receive an award for her charity work in South Africa. "We didn't dream that we would have a problem like this on our hands."

"The Passion of Winnie," a new opera based on Madikizela-Mandela's life, is scheduled to be presented Friday as part of Toronto's Luminato Festival.

Canada Denies Visa To Winnie Fundraising Trip

Special to the NNPA from GIN (GIN)—Canada has denied a visa to South African anti-apartheid leader Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, who was to be the keynote speaker at a fund-raising gala in Toronto on Tuesday, featuring an opera about her life.

Madikizela-Mandela, the ex-wife of former South African President Nelson Mandela, was about to set out for the airport when the Canadian embassy notified her that she would not be allowed to enter the country,

moment, my first priority is to be President for all of the children of Garland, Rowlett and Sachs," Griffin said. "Continuing to improve the education for all of the children of the district remains my focus."

In addition to her duties with Garland ISD, she is also a Director for the Texas Association of School Boards serving as a representative (Region I/OE) in the North Texas Area. She is active and visible in the community

supporting programs and activities of many local organizations and making appearances at numerous school, church, community and civic events. Griffin is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

Garland Chamber of Commerce, a Life Member of Texas PTA, and a Charter Member of Garland Area Alliance of Black School Educators. She also serves on numerous committees.

Griffin enjoys being a management consultant, which allows her to set her own schedule and select her clients. Her background includes: information technology, management, technical recruiting, employee training/development, project management and strategic planning.

Mrs. Griffin resides in Garland with her husband, Dr. Roosevelt Griffin, Pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church and her son Reuben, a senior at Southern A&M University.

Griffin Makes History For Garland As First African American President Of Board Of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Garland Independent School District elected Linda L. Griffin as President during its recent meeting on June 7, making history along the way. With this vote, Griffin becomes the first female and African American to lead the Board.

Griffin was first elected to the Board in 1998 and has been re-elected every year since going into her fourth term of service.

While aware of the significance of her election, she had this to say about her position. "While I am pleased to be a part of this historic

moment, my first priority is to be President for all of the children of Garland, Rowlett and Sachs," Griffin said. "Continuing to improve the education for all of the children of the district remains my focus."

In addition to her duties with Garland ISD, she is also a Director for the Texas Association of School Boards serving as a representative (Region I/OE) in the North Texas Area. She is active and visible in the community



WOW 2007- Women Of Wisdom Conference

Sanctuary of Praise Fellowship of Allen, Texas cordially invites the public to attend WOW 2007- Women of Wisdom Conference Friday, June 22, 2007- Sunday, June 24, 2007. Women of all ages are welcome. The theme for the conference is "What Happens

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Saturday services will be held at the Hilton Garden in Allen, and the other services will be held at the church at 1001 E. Main Street in Allen. Conference Registration is \$55, which includes Saturday Conference Banquet. Phone 469-853-2328 or 469-853-2320.

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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 carrying a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north...

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Volunteer And Live Green A Series Of Training Classes

Live Green in Plano Volunteer classes offered by the City of Plano Sustainability and Environmental Services department will offer residents free training and practical ways to live more eco-friendly.

The series of training classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18 and 25, July 2, 9 and 16.11 at Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy and Commerce.

The Live Green in Plano

Program is a local training opportunity for volunteers to work side-by-side with City staff to educate residents about ways to reduce environmental impact.

The training series will educate volunteers in water quality and conservation, air quality, basic composting, recycling, non-hazardous cleaning techniques, alternative energy source, conservation and chemical-free yard care and pest con-

trol. After completing approximately 12 hours of core training and participating in 20 hours of volunteer service, participants will be full-fledged Live Green in Plano Volunteers.

For more information about the Live Green in Plano Volunteer Program, upcoming classes and opportunities to volunteer visit www.livegreeninplano.com or call Brian Adkins at (972) 769-4369.

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to resolve her issue.

I find it ironic that Rep. Davis voted for the passage of HB3057 from the House, but now claims the same bill would compromise the property rights of citizens. HB3057 contains language that would have raised the standards that must be met by municipalities in order to condemn and take possession of privately-owned property. The term commonly used is eminent domain. In its text is a requirement that does not now exist in law, wherein a city would have to meet a minimum of four of eight statutory conditions to be able to begin the process of the taking of private property.

If you desire to review HB3057 to see what property owner protections were contained in the bill, please go to www.capitol.state.tx.us or if

you don't have access to the Internet, contact my office at 214-467-0123 or 512-463-0123 and we will mail or fax you a copy. I reiterate, this bill could have been a vehicle to further protect property owner's rights and create the first public law school in the City of Dallas!

My position opposing eminent domain is well-documented. I have consistently

taken a position against the unjust taking or condemnation of private property. And current law already prohibits the taking or conveyance of property by a city when the primary reason for the taking would be to benefit a private interest. This year, during the early stages of this just-concluded legislative session, I hosted two town hall meetings

on the subject of eminent domain and stated my position in support of property owners and neighborhoods. I have not and will not stray from that position.

My amendment (from SB105) would have created a law school in downtown Dallas in what is now the Old City Hall building located at Main and



State Rep. Yvonne Davis

Harwood Streets through a donation from the City of Dallas. It had the support of the City of Dallas, the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, various chambers of commerce across the region and I assumed, the full Dallas area legislative delegation. The law

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highly appreciated by his corporate donors and the Washington status quo. It is also a very condescending statement to make and suggests Black people aren't sophisticated enough to decide based on qualifications. On second thought, that may indeed be the case. We gave in to Clarence Thomas because he was Black, didn't we. But have you ever heard White candidates tell White folks not to vote for them simply because they are white? We always have to make other people feel comfortable, don't we? Obama knows full well that millions of Blacks will vote for him simply because he is Black, but to tell us not to do so brings credence to the contention that he really isn't "Black in the usual way."

If being Black doesn't mean anything, if there is no Black America, why do Black folks get excited about Bob Johnson, Tiger Woods, Serena and Venus, Oprah, Shani Davis (Olympic Speed Skater), Dominique Dawes, and Debbie Thomas? Why are we constantly discussing the possibility that Obama could be "the first" Black President (John Hanson notwithstanding) if Blackness means nothing in this country, or if it does not even exist? Why do we have an annual "State of Black America" report and forum?

Yes, Barack, there is a Black America, and other Americas too, just as there are 50 separate states rather than one

country with no internal borders. Our problem is that we are merely emotional about it, which is why we still place so much value on "the first Black."

Some Black people are just too busy embracing diversity rather than embracing their Blackness first. Who, other than Black folks, do you hear promoting "diversity" and allowing themselves to be called "minorities?" When is the last time you heard an Italian person denounce the "Little Italy" communities across this country? When have you seen Chinese people decry China Towns? When have you heard Hispanics say, "Down with La Raza, we are one America?" Trying to run away from who we are is embarrassing, unconscionable, and cowardly. It also speaks volumes about our self-hate.

Newsflash! You cannot run away from being Black! You can't get promoted from being Black; you can't move away from being Black; and you can't get enough money to change your Blackness (Sorry, Michael). Wherever you go, there your Blackness will be also. Whatever you do, your Blackness will do it with you. So you may as well settle in and get down to business for your people, just as others are doing in this country - just as we used to do in this country, prior to "integration."

America comprises a tapestry of nations; it's not just one nation as the politicians would have you believe. That's utopian rhetoric, Plabum for Black people, because we are the only

ones who buy the hype. White folks are circling their wagons right now at the specter of being outnumbered by so-called "minorities." Hispanics are carving out their piece of the economic pie by unapologetically working in support of one another.

So-called American Indians, after having raked in billions from their hotels, casinos, and golf courses, are now branching out to other business ventures, off the reservation. Koreans, Vietnamese, and Chinese are making moves to control more industries in America.

Pakistanis and Indians are buying all the businesses they can find. What are Black people doing, collectively, to improve and solidify our position in this nation of nations? We are trying to run away from our Blackness which, if we succeed, will only cause us to disappear.

Why is nationalistic action bad only when it is promoted by Black people? The groups I mentioned, as well as Jewish people here and abroad, are all nationalistic; Joel Korkin calls them "Tribes." So what's it going to be, Black America? Nationalism or nihilism?

Dallas Pharmacy Begins Offering Nationally Known Program For Weight Loss

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The free seminar, offered at 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 21, at the pharmacy's 8061 Walnut Hill Lane location, will be hosted by Pharmacy Compounding Specialties

(PCS) owners Diane Porter (MS, RN, ACN) and Jim Porter (DPh, RPh, ACN). The couple, using guidelines established by a nationally recognized weight-management program and using studies from Johns Hopkins University, will educate consumers on how they could lose 2 to 4 lbs. a week, safely and without hunger or muscle loss.

PCS's vision is to help a minimum of 1,000 people in the area regain control of their life

by managing their weight once and for all. In addition, they plan to educate other health professionals in the community on how to integrate nutritional intervention and behavioral modification into their practice.

Seating at the seminar is limited. To reserve your seat, call Diane Porter at 972-345-8617. For more information,

go to www.weightofforlife.com.

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Losing Isaiah: Washington Won't Be Back To 'Grey's Anatomy'

After months of speculation about his fate, Isaiah Washington, the "Grey's Anatomy" co-star who publicly used a homophobic slur earlier this year after the show had won a Golden Globe for best drama, will not be returning to the popular ABC series.

ABC News, the corporate sibling of both ABC network and ABC Studios, the studio that produces "Grey's," announced the news in an exclusive on Friday morning. A spokeswoman from ABC

Studios confirmed that the studio had not picked up his option. In the ABC News story, Washington issued an unhappy statement through his publicist, Howard Bragman. "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore," it said.

Washington's future with "Grey's" was first called into question when reports leaked out in the fall of an on-set altercation with co-star Patrick Dempsey, during which he reportedly referred to fellow cast member T.R. Knight as a "fag-



got." A few months later, in front of reporters backstage at the Golden Globes, Washington denied the incident, but repeated the word in the process, causing another uproar.

Cornel West Raps On Rap, Snoop, Obama

By: Bankole Thompson
Special to the NNPA from the Michigan Chronicle

DETROIT (NNPA) - Princeton University's professor of religion Dr. Cornel West may be giving up scholarship in releasing his new music CD "Never Forget: A Journey of Revelations," comprised of positive rap themes.

But West sees rap music as an integral part of social change and one that can bring back the essence of Black music.

"You can't respect young people in a substantive way without looking at what influences them. Hip-hop is an integral part of the life of young people," West said in a June 8 phone interview from Las Vegas where he was attending the One 100 Black Men of America conference.

West said Hip-hop can be used as a potent weapon to create change in our communities, "but I don't think enough people in the Black community recognize that."

"There are those prophetic Hip-hop artists," West said citing KRS-1, Talib Kweli among oth-

ers. If Hip-hop puts young people to sleep, it reinforces a certain kind of



political weapon that can be utilized for the good of the Black community, West said.

K-R-S 1, Chuck D and Jay Z spoke to my class," West said. "I have great respect for these artists."

On the Don Imus controversy, which also triggered calls for an end to misogynist lyrics by some rappers, West said artists like Snoop Dog must also be held accountable.

"Snoop is part of the Black community," West said.

However, West said what Imus did in calling the Rutgers female

basketball team, "nappy headed hoes," is part of the history of Blacks in America.

Weighing in on the 2008 presidential run, West said he's supporting Sen. Barack Obama.

"Right now I am supporting my dear brother Obama. I think he is young enough to grow and is a decent brother," West said. "I'm very much part of his campaign."

West's said he is not oblivious of the questions that have been raised about Obama's commitment to Black issues or civil rights.

"He's (Obama) got to be himself," West said. "If he has a commitment to love and justice, he is pro civil rights."

Running for the nation's highest office, West said Obama will have to appeal to more people.

"If you don't agree with him, don't vote for him," West said.

West challenged the presidential runners to be honest with voters.

"To thy own self be true," West, said quoting a Biblical injunction.

He said Obama still has got to meet some test.

West wants healthcare for children to be included in the candidates' top priority list.

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Juneteenth Commemoration To Feature Texas Heroes, Food, Games, Crafts, Music, Film, And Workshops

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with the news that the Civil War had ended and that all slaves were now free. This was 2 years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had become official on January 1, 1863. In subsequent years, African Americans in Texas have celebrated Juneteenth. Today Juneteenth commemorates freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a time marked with celebrations, guest speakers and family gatherings.

• Denton Juneteenth Celebration Get your praise on! Gospel Extravaganza Friday June 15, 2007 and Saturday, June 16, 2007. The celebration kicks off with a Grand Parade (line-up at civic center 321 E McKinney St). The celebration is a day filled with fun and excitement for the whole family. There will be food, music, live bands, vendors, children's games, talent show, prizes and much more! Live gospel music in the park Bar-B-Que Cookoff \$25 entry fee - \$5 sampling fee Co-ed Softball Tournament (\$100) entry fee. Go to www.denton-juneteenth.org for schedule of events.

• Juneteenth Celebration and Concert West Park Recreation Center, 530 Davis Drive, Irving. Celebrate the spirit of Juneteenth with a concert featuring Gospel, Jazz, Rhythm and Blues, African Drumming and more. Other activities include a Juneteenth display, vendor exhibits and children's activities. Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for concert seating. Phone: 972-721-2519

• The City of Garland Parks and Recreation Department, the Office of Neighborhood Vitality, and the Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central Texas are pleased to sponsor the 2007 Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 4 to 8 p.m. The event will be held at the Gale Fields Recreation Center

located at 1701 Dairy Road, Garland, Texas. Celebration will include free food and fun for the entire family featuring the Chill Factor Jazz Band, 3 Point Shoot Out, bounce houses, face painting, swing dance exhibition and more. For more information, call the Gale Fields Recreation Center at 972-205-3090.

• The City of McKinney Juneteenth Celebration, June 16, 17, and 19. Kick-off is at Old Settler's Park Recreation Center Sports Pavilion on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. with music, food, games and family fund. Other activities include girls basketball tournament hosted by Kingdom Building Basketball Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17. Tuesday, June 17 Youth 3-on-3 Hoops, free boys and girls division. For more information contact 972-542-5014, Old Settler's Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana Street.

• Hamilton Park Neighborhood Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center 22nd Annual Juneteenth Parade & Fest. Homegrown talents include Everson Walls (former Dallas Cowboys), Kevin Murphy (former Tampa Bay Buccaneers), Donald Payton (Historian), Lenny Nash (Music Artist), Yarborough & Peoples (Recording Artists), Clergymen, Educators, Doctors, Attorneys, Public Officials, and African American Entrepreneurs. The event will take place on Saturday June 16th at the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. (Location TBA). This year's theme is "Unity In The Community", reclaiming our community and securing our future. A Health Fair featuring local providers/associations will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Some of the activities planned are: Senior Fashion Show, Kid Bubble Bounce, Face Painting, R&B, Hip Hop and Gospel Entertainment, Art / History Displays, Retail Services Market, Job Fair, Car Show / Auto Financing, Food, etc. and plain good old fashion fun. Contacts and Confirmations: Joe Bruton - Center Director (214) 670-6182 phone (214) 670-6185 fax Gina Riley Gray (Volunteer) Special Events Coordinator

(214) 570-9925 email: opp-1962@sbglolab1.net Lisa Rausaw - New Mount Zion Baptist Church - Parade Coordinator (214) 341-6459

• The 2007 Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Valley Ridge Park, in Cedar Hill. Bessie Coleman, Barbara Jordan, and Scott Joplin, "the King of Ragtime", will be honored at the event. Activities include a re-enactment of the Buffalo Soldiers, the first peacetime all-black regiment in the U.S. Army, and the Living History Frontier Boy Scout Troop featuring frontier campgrounds and Native American teepees. Family activities include Texas Junior Angler Fishing, rock climbing wall, car show, photography competition, arts and crafts vendors, a variety of food, and musical perform-

ances. The main free concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. featuring Fingerprints, a smooth jazz band, considered to be one of the best-kept secrets of the south. For more information regarding the 4th Annual Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration please contact the Recreation Department at (972) 218-3702.

• The 5th annual "Celebration and Liberation" Juneteenth commemoration sponsored by members of the Bahá'í Faith will be held at the new Dallas Bahá'í Center at 9400 Plano Road, Dallas TX 75238 on Saturday, June 16th 2007 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm. This year's program, entitled "Celebration and Liberation," will continue fun activities for children, youth, and adults with games, arts and crafts, face painting, bounce house, clown balloon sculptures, refreshments, and live

music. For the "Liberation" aspect, three innovative workshops will be offered twice each, and the inspiring documentary film, The Language You Cry In, will be screened and discussed twice. The film concerns African cultural survival in America. Registration for workshops, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm; Juneteenth Observation, 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm; Workshop I: Nurturing Virtues in Children; 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm; Workshop II: Liberation Theology; 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm; Workshop III: Dialogue of the African Diaspora, 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Film Showings/Discussions: 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. All activities are free to the public. To pre-register for workshops or to request more information, send e-mail to junteenth07@yahoo.com. Information by mail or tele-

phone, please contact: Juneteenth "Celebration and Liberation" Committee, 9400 Plano Road, Dallas TX 75238, 214-546-1935.

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Eddie Donates DNA To Determine Daddyhood

By: Sarah Hall - Black Report
For some, the proof is in the pudding. For Eddie Murphy, the proof is in the paternity test. The Dreamgirls star was seen entering a Beverly Hills doctor's office Monday where he reportedly underwent a court-ordered paternity test to determine whether he is the father of his ex-girlfriend Melanie Brown's baby, as she has claimed. Murphy assured photographers waiting outside the clinic that he would "absolutely...do the right thing" by Brown and the infant if the test comes back positive, according to paparazzi agency Splash News. The actor's spokesman, Arnold Robinson, does not comment on Murphy's personal life. Earlier in the day, Brown dropped by the same office with her two-month-old daughter, Angel Iris Murphy Brown, presumably to have the child undergo a DNA test of her own. There is no word on when the results will be revealed.

"We don't know whose child that is until it comes out and has a blood test," Murphy said at the time. Despite his apparent endorsement of having the baby tested to determine her paternity, Murphy was apparently in no rush to give up a sample of his own



The former Spice Girl (aka Mel B, Scary Spice) has never swayed from her assertion that Murphy was responsible for impregnating her, and has even claimed the conception was planned. "There is absolutely no question that Eddie is the father," she said in December, shortly after Murphy told a Dutch TV reporter not to "jump to conclusions" on the matter.

DNA. Last month, Brown announced plans to sue her former paramour, claiming he had ignored repeated requests to be tested against the child. "He's not doing a DNA test, and he's not signing the birth certificate," she told People. "So, it's going to have to go to court, so he can be forced to do it, which is strange since he was the one asking for it." If it is determined that Murphy is indeed Angel Iris' father, she will be the sixth child for the actor, who has five children with his ex-wife Nicole Mitchell. Aside from the infant, Brown has an eight-year-old daughter from her marriage to Dutch dancer Jimmy Gulzar.

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Mr. Everson Walls (former Dallas Cowboy) is Grand Marshall with many dignitaries attending. We will honor all 2007 High School and College Graduates; Black College Alumni, Sorority and Fraternity groups; Community Churches and Civic Organizations; Youth Organizations and the legacy of Hamilton Park.
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For information, directions, or to volunteer, call Rev. Willie Rainwater @ 972-242-0933.
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even if it's not our family, just creating a family like I did by adopting two boys."

According to the National Urban League's State of Black America 2007 report, the future of the Black man is critical to the "American family." Statistics on the Black man run the gamut from being six times more likely than White men to be incarcerated to nine times more likely to be killed by firearms, to nearly eight times more likely to suffer from AIDS. Of single parent Black households, only 12 percent were led by men. More than two-thirds of Black children live in one-parent households in 2005, the majority headed by women.

Notwithstanding the statistics, there are millions of Black fathers who are living at home or at least doing right by their children and families. Here in Las Vegas, where more than 2,000 Black men registered for this conference to discuss answers to the problems, the crisis somehow appeared dwarfed.

"You can look into every community – the White community, the Asian community – and find fathers who aren't doing what they ought to do," says Thomas W. Dortch Jr. of Atlanta, presi-

dent emeritus of the national organization. He and his wife have five children, including one adopted. "The power of having a Black father or having a Black man in that home is tremendous because it gives symbolism...My father was a hero, a strong male figure who did not allow us to be tainted by what was out there or by the struggles that he went through. All we know is that we had a father who loved us and cared. We had a mother who loved us. We had parents who worked hard and sacrificed for us."

The 100 Black Men of America, Inc., with 110 chapters around the country, is a mentoring organization that seeks to give a strong presence of the Black male to the lives of children – male and female – from all walks of life. It encourages Black men to share their lives, thereby impacting the negative statistics.

"The Black man should set an example and be a role model for his children and all children in his community," says Dr. William Hayling, founding president of the organization. "I'm an obstetrician. I helped to give birth to this organization. And I'm proud to see that after 21 years, the 100 Black Men is a grown man ... and we're getting bigger and bigger and bigger and

doing good things with these children."

Every man is able to bring something to the table, says Vaughn Evans of Sacramento, honored as this year's "mentor of the year."

Evans, who has three children of his own, but has mentored thousands, says regardless of a father's occupation, "if you're in the home, that's leadership. That's the role of a man. So, he is providing, he is loving, he is nurturing, he is teaching. Without that, then it falls to a woman. A woman cannot understand how to be a man. And when that man is absent, it falls to the uncles, the church, to the community and to the village."

Often the village means the drug dealers, the gang leaders, domineering friends or what ever figures of authority comes into the life of a child. More often than not, that translates into a life of crime leading to prison or death that could have been prevented.

"The power of the Black father could be a revolutionizing force. Provided that more Black fathers would adhere to the tradition of what fatherhood is all about instead of being one who plants the seed and does not ful-

fill his obligation in terms of what family really means," says John Smith, chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the official press for the conference.

Some men view manhood as a learned behavior. Whether a child grows up to become a street thug or a decent, hard-working man, can depend upon the examples in his life.

"The father brings the kind of modeling that a young man needs to see. Sometimes they will watch and learn more from watching than from hearing what you're saying," says Earl Wheatfall, a member of the 100's executive committee. "I always watched my father. Even though I did respect his words, I learned more by seeing him."

Albert E. Dotson, Jr., chairman of the board of the 100, says he's experienced that right now.

"I have really come to understand the influence a man can have over his home," says Dotson, the father of Ashley, 11, and Albert, 9. "I watch my son watch me, how I stand, how I hold my legs, how I hold my head, how I walk, the little things. He learns so many things by just watching," says Dotson.

He concludes, "A real father

has to always understand that children are always watching. He always has to be able to teach. He always has to be able to show what nurturing love is all about, how to be a strong man and how to respect women."



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or get \$15,000 each by the year's end. That will put more than \$1 million in our treasury," he says. "We have asked our units – local branches and state conferences – to hold fundraisers and set up membership drives."

NAACP leaders have not said exactly how many people will be laid off. However, the Baltimore staff will be reduced from 119 members to 70

members through both layoffs and attrition, Dennis Hayes, the NAACP's interim president and CEO, told the Baltimore Sun. Hayes also said that the organization has used \$10 million in reserve funds over the past three years in order to cover shortfalls.

Because of the crisis in finances, the national headquarters is also temporarily closing at least seven regional offices.

The financial situation is yet another controversy for the

nation's leading civil rights organization, only four months after former President and CEO Bruce Gordon suddenly resigned after only 19 months in office. He cited differences with the NAACP's 64 member board. Gordon could not be reached for comment by NNPA deadline.

"We are right-sizing our organization to meet present circumstances," Hayes told the Sun. "We had the unexpected departure of our CEO at a time

when we were already without a chief development officer. So, understandably, we have to regenerate our revenue machine, our fundraising machine, to get us to where we should have been."

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"THE CHURCH WITH AN OPEN BIBLE"

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

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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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