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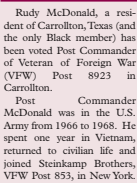
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Rudy McDonald, a resident of Carrollton, Texas (and the only Black member) has been voted Post Commander of Veteran of Foreign War (VFW) Post 8923 in Carrollton. Post Commander McDonald was in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968. He spent one year in Vietnam, returned to civilian life and joined Steinkamp Brothers, VFW Post 853, in New York. He later relocated to Dallas, Texas with his wife, Odessa. Since relocating to Carrollton, Commander McDonald has been active in the community, a member of Carrollton's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, and a member of Christ Community Connection, Inc. (CCC). He is a graduate of the Carrollton Government Academy and the Mastercraft Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. He volunteered his service at the Heritage Garden Nursing Home and worked with the Safety Task Force in the School District. He provides free tutoring to the community and Charles McKamy Elementary School. He is a Substitute Teacher for the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. Commander McDonald has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Hunter College; and a Human Resources Certificate in Business Management from New York University, all in New York.



Dr. Michele Hoskins, CEO/Founder of Michele Foods recently became the first African American vendor with Costco. Twenty years ago, Michele Hoskins, a divorced mother of three, was struggling to make ends meet. Her ticket to the American dream turned out to be her great-great grandmother's recipe for delicious syrup. Michele sold her home, her car and jewelry, banking her future on the belief that people would love and buy her grandmother's syrup.

"When I first started, I would make syrup in the basement and I would take it around to retail stores and I would tell the merchant, 'If you sold it, I will come back and invoice you,'" Michele says. "Well, I would go back and buy it myself."

Persistence was a major ingredient to Michele's success—after nine years in business she scored a \$3 million contract with Denny's after calling them every single week for two years straight.

Michele Foods, Inc., a multi-million dollar company that produces Honey Creme Syrup, Butter Pecan Syrup, and Maple Creme Syrup, as well as other fine food products. The company's products can be found in more than 10,000 food stores nationwide, including Stop & Shop, Super Wal-Mart, Albertson, Kroger, Publix, Super Target, Cub Foods, H.E. Butt Grocery, Jevol Foods, Safeway and Dominick's Finer Foods.

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**What Happened In Las Vegas?**

By Bryndah C. Hicks  
 If you don't know, if you haven't heard, you need to ask somebody who attended the 100 Black Men's 21st National Conference, June 6 through June 10 at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Members of The 100's 106 chapters traveled from England, the Caribbean, and all corners of the United States to be a part of this annual event. Everybody who is anybody and those aspiring to be somebody was there. The only missing element, which was an embarrassing "no show", was the blatant under representation by the local and national news media.

This year's conference theme Taking Control of OUR Future kicked in high gear with the opening keynote address as Governor Jim Gibbons spoke out against the Genocide in Darfur.

Over 2000 people attended the opening session and listened with disturbing amazement as Nevada Governor Gibbons expressed his disapproval of Nevada's public employee retirement funds which invest in



Dr. Cornel West

sponsoring the militias that destroy human life in Darfur. Albert E. Dotson, Chairman of the Board of The 100 Black Men encouraged other states to do the same to end this horrifying

What happened Page 6

**Black Students Still Favor Lighter Skin, Study Finds**



By Kai Beasley - Black College Wire  
 A study conducted by researchers from two Louisiana schools concludes that at the dawn of the 21st century, African American college students continue to find lighter complexions more attractive than darker ones.

The results, taken from a sample of 100 stu-

dents at a large Midwestern school, indicated that 96 percent of the men preferred a medium to light complexion in women while 70 percent of women found light skin of value in men. The conclusion runs counter to at least one previous study.

This latest analysis of mating preferences explored a number of probable causes, all of which were rooted in the "colorism" prevalent from slavery through the 1960s, where lighter skin typically meant

Lighter Skin Favored Page 8

**Every Year Around This Time Thousands Of Non-Native Texans Ask The Same Question: What Is Juneteenth?**

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of abolition. On June 19, 1865 the Union soldiers under Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free. It was two and a half years after Lincoln issued The Emancipation Proclamation which had little impact on Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new executive order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865 and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to overcome the resistance.

There are several stories that have been passed down to explain the delay. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news. Another is that the news was deliberately withheld by the slave masters to maintain the labor force on the plantations. Another is that 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. All or neither could be true.

One of General Granger's first orders was to read to the people of Texas, General Order Number 3 which began most significantly with: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and

slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

The reaction to this profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. Even with nowhere to go, many felt that leaving the plantation would be their first grasp of freedom. The North was a logical destination and for many it represented true freedom, while the desire to reach family members in neighboring states drove some into Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The celebration of June 19 was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth celebration is a time for reassuring each other, for praying and for gathering remaining family members. Juneteenth continues to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date.

History Of Juneteenth Page 3

**Cornyn-Backed Civil Rights Bill Approved By Senate Judiciary Committee**

**Bipartisan legislation advances to create federal offices to reopen criminal cases prior to 1970, bring criminals to justice**

Washington - The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee has unanimously approved bipartisan legislation co-sponsored by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn to allow the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to reopen Civil Rights-era criminal cases prior to 1970. The Emmett Till Unresolved Civil Rights Crime Act, S. 535, approved on Thursday, now advances to the full Senate for consideration.

"It is my hope that by demonstrating a commitment to solving these despicable crimes, Congress can advance

the cause of justice for all Americans," Sen. Cornyn said. "I'm encouraged this legislation has passed the Judiciary Committee and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important effort."

The Emmett Till Unresolved Civil Rights Crime Act establishes an Unresolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ and an Unresolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the FBI. Both offices will be responsible for investigating unresolved criminal civil rights cases, prior to January 1, 1970, that resulted in death. It will strengthen cooperation between federal, state, and

Backed Civil Rights Page 3

**The Culmination Of Freedom**

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

February of 1870! We were "really" free this time. Or were we? Let's see now; we were freed by the Emancipation, but oops, it really didn't free us. Then came Juneteenth, which freed us either too late or too early, depending on how you look at it. Then came the 13th Amendment, which still says slavery is abolished "except" for those duly convicted of crimes; oops, sorry about that. How many times is that, three? We have been "freed" more than any other people on earth.

Reconstruction followed our new found freedom with the 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, which was supposed to provide due process and equal treatment for Black people; free again, y'all. Then the 15th Amendment was ratified in 1870, which freed us once again to be able to vote, but old Rutherford B. Hayes would have no part of that. He just withdrew the federal troops and looked the other way as Black people were once again prevented from attaining their freedom by attempting

the 13th Amendment until Granger freed the General Order freeing the enslaved of Texas on June 19, 1865, which is said to be two years late; but you could say it was six months early because the 13th Amendment, which "freed" Black people once again, was not ratified until December 1865. Texas did not ratify the 13th Amendment until

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**America's Addiction To Prison Should Be The Focus In Paris Hilton's Case**

**Hilton Should Become A Poster Child For The Ailing Criminal Justice System**

The world is focused on Paris Hilton's incarceration. The circus even triggered a campaign to remove Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca from office for granting Hilton an early release.

Sheriff Baca is not the culprit; the real perpetrator is the malfunctioning criminal jus-

tice system. Thanks to overzealous prosecutors and the failed war on drugs, jails and prisons are filled dangerously beyond capacity. Some jails - especially in California - are releasing inmates after serving only ten percent of their time.

Minorities and the poor have suffered the wrath of an unjust system for years.

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## The Writer's Block (WBI) Combines Several Art Forms To Present One Incredible Literary Event!

Dallas - What do you call an evening that combines theater, dinner, poetry, and the traditional art forms of dance and music? The Writer's Block, Inc. (WBI) calls it a Literary Showcase. And, you're invited to come and experience it.

This Literary Showcase, based on the anthology *A Legacy of African American Literature*, will present works from the book in visual art form. Words will come to life as the one-act plays and poetry are lifted from the pages of the book.

This is a must-experience event, full of extras that include dinner, prizes, displays and games. For the price of the typical weekend outing, come and experience more at our Literary Showcase - where all the sense will be entertained!

The Writer's Block Literary Showcase will be held Saturday, June 23,

2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Magnolia Lounge at Fair Park in Dallas, Texas. Ticket prices are \$40.00 per person, which includes the anthology, *A Legacy of African American Literature*, or \$33.00 without the book. Register by mailing in the registration form to the P.O. Box or online at [www.writersblockinc.org](http://www.writersblockinc.org).

Proceeds from this event benefit the WBI College Scholarship Fund and Literary program.

The Writer's Block, Inc. is a non-profit organization that supports the growth and advancement of African American, youth and adult writers of all genres. Its key programs focus on community-based offerings that bring awareness to the contributions of African American authors, events and literature. For more information on The Writer's Block, Inc., please visit [www.writersblockinc.org](http://www.writersblockinc.org) or call (214) 946-2357.

## Beginning Genealogy

Denton, TX - Join us Saturday, June 30, at 10 a.m. at the Emily Fowler Central Library for an introductory class that will cover the basics of genealogical research and the resources available at the library. Topics include: gathering family information, using genealogical forms, accessing vital records, locating census records and military records and finding state, county, and local records. Kathy Strauss, Genealogy and Special Collections Librarian, will provide instruction on using the

library catalog, Ancestry Library Edition, and HeritageQuest Online; searching the obituary indexes; and using genealogical resources on the Internet.

For more information contact Laura Douglas at [laura.douglas@cityofdenton.com](mailto:laura.douglas@cityofdenton.com), visit the Denton Public Library, call 940.349.8752 or see the library's Web site at [www.dentonlibrary.com](http://www.dentonlibrary.com).

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### Addiction To Prison Page 1

Recently our prison-addicted society has inconvenienced a few wealthy white American's like Hilton and the Duke La Crosse players. Their celebrity status should be used to draw attention to broader issues like the fact that the Dept. of Justice reported that over 7 million people were on probation, in jail or prison, or on parole at yearend 2005.

Rather than complaining about Hilton's release, activists would accomplish more by protesting the biased laws that result in long sentences for petty drug criminals and cause such overcrowding in prisons that officials are forced to release inmates early. In 2000 the mean sentence imposed on federal prisoners for violent felonies was 63.0 months as opposed to 75.6 months for drug felonies.\* The fact that murders, child molesters, rapists, and other violent criminals can get less time than non-violent drug offenders is alarming and a lot more newsworthy than Hilton's ordeal.

Augmenting the prison population is not the only accomplishment the drug war can claim. Since the enactment of mandatory minimum sentencing

for drug users, the Federal Bureau of Prisons budget has increased by 1,954% from \$220 million in 1986 to more than \$4.3 billion in 2001.\* That same year, the California's prison expenditure was \$4.2 billion, yet residents still live in violent, drug-infested neighborhoods.

Instead of questioning why Sheriff Boca sent the confused hotel heiress home, citizens should wonder why he, according to the Los Angeles Times, is the highest-paid local elected official in the nation. Find out why the state built 21 new prisons, and only one new university from 1984 to 1996. Or, ask California officials if they think increasing prison expenditures 30% while decreasing higher education spending by 18% from 1987 to 1995 had anything to do with California ranking the fourth dumbest state in Morgan Quitno's annual state education survey.

The media could evolve beyond stories on Hilton's prison stay and feature some of the talent wasted due to our prison-addicted society. Take for example, Kembra Smith, the Hampton student sentenced to 24 1/2 years on conspiracy charges. Since her pardon in

2000 by President Clinton, Smith graduated from Virginia Union University with plans to attend law school; was awarded a Soros Justice Postgraduate Fellowship; and is the founder of the Kembra Smith Foundation educating youth about injustices in the criminal justice system. How many Kembra Smith's are working for the average .93 cents per hour paid to prisoners?

The web sites of the November Coalition and Families Against Mandatory Minimums feature compelling stories about victims of the war on drugs, including an article about twin brothers Lawrence and Lamont Garrison. They were arrested just months after their graduation from Howard University when the owner of an auto body shop was apprehended for playing a major role in a drug operation. To reduce his sentence, the shop owner implicated the brothers in the cocaine conspiracy. Despite the fact that there was no evidence of drugs found on the Garrisons or in their house, instead of attending law school as planned, Lamont and Lawrence are in a federal penitentiary serving 19 and 15 years respectively.

The shop owner was sentenced to three (3) years. Americans have become so desensitized to locking citizens behind bars, many people don't realize how barbaric it is to call for a troubled young lady to remain in jail instead of receiving treatment. Perhaps that's why the US has the highest incarceration rate in the world and the reason Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker would fight for Genarlow Wilson to serve his 10-year sentence for having consensual sex with a 15-year-old girl when he was 17.

I have a dream that one day this nation will look beyond race and class and recognize that our criminal justice system is terminally ill. It suffers from swollen prosecutors, severely infected police departments, a paralyzed judicial system, and a fractured legislature passing cancerous laws.

Paris Hilton needs counseling; but our criminal justice system needs a transplant. The public needs to wake up from their celebrity-induced coma and focus on the real issues.

\*US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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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, 2604 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 society 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](http://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 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

**Kumasi 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 214-298-9588.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.theyundraeshow.com](http://www.theyundraeshow.com)

#### June 21

**Dave Koz & Friends** with Special Guests David Benoit and Phil Perry 8:00 PM

**Nokia Live Theater** 1001 Next Stage Dr Grand Prairie Call 214-373-8000 Ticket info.

#### June 22

**Heart of A Warrior Foundation** and the City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department host

**Community Celebration in Recognition of Special Gift to Summer Enrichment Camp** in Hamilton Park 11 a.m. Willie B. Johnson Recreational Center 12225 Willowick Drive Dallas 75242

**3rd Annual Peace Conference Hosts Benefit Concert** Jane 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 Journey album and inspirational story-telling held at The Majestic Theatre 8pm Tickets \$20, \$30, and \$40 available at Ticket master.

#### 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 For more information contact the Center at 972-941-7174.

**"New Growth: A Natural Progression,"** a documentary highlighting the evolution of hair in the Black community. Black Box Theater, Dallas Public Library, Hampton Illinois Branch, 2951 South Hampton Road, Dallas, 75224 6-8 pm Admission: \$8

**Progress Theater's "MEMBUH"** A Musical Play in honor of Juneteenth 2007 South Dallas Cultural Center presents the acclaimed touring hit musical "MEMBUH!" "MEMBUH: Confessions of The Only Generation." "MEMBUH" combines musical the-

atre, storytelling & spoken word, into a high-energy piece that follows young family members (all in their 20's) through the highs and lows of recapturing their family legacy. Appropriate for ages 13 years and up. Performance location: Richard College, Fannin Performance Hall 12800 Abrams Rd; Dallas 75243 8pm \$5- General Admission. Call 877-3-PT-TOUR for more information to buy tickets or visit [www.ProgressTheatre.com](http://www.ProgressTheatre.com).

**Cinema in the Circle** - Join family and friends for some of the most memorable musicals to hit the big screen. Movies begin at 9 p.m. Blankets and chairs are permitted. Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive FREE events For more information please visit The Town of Addison, Texas website at: [www.addisontexas.net](http://www.addisontexas.net) or 1-800-ADDISON.

**Full Moon of Sonia** - One Night Only of Spoken Word and Music Starring Sonia Sanchez and T.C. Carson 7:30pm, \$10, Convention Center Theater Complex The Black Academy of Arts & Letters, Dallas Naomi Bruton Main Stage, 650 South Griffin Street Dallas, Phone 214-743-2440 ticket information.

**12th Annual Punch Family Foundation Benefit Recital** to assist minority string students in performing art studies beyond high school. 4:30pm, Horchow Hall at Meyerson Symphony Center 2301 Flora Street, Dallas 75201. Call 214-823-4269 for additional information.

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## THE TRUTH CLINIC

### The Rocky Road To Racial Reconciliation

By: James W. Breedlove

*And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. (Colossians 1:20)*

Recently, some 142 years after slavery was unofficially ended when Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House in Virginia and almost 400 years after the first African slaves arrived in Jamestown, the Virginia legislature officially apologized for Virginia's role in those abominable actions.

The apology is the latest in a series of long overdue steps Virginia has taken to reconcile its segregationist past. In 2004 the Legislature created a scholarship fund for blacks whose schools were shut down between 1954 and 1964 because of the massive resistance to school desegregation.

Sponsors of the symbolic resolution believe Virginia is the first state to pass such a measure. The resolution is mild, innocuous, and totally toothless, but it acknowledges the monstrous wrong of slavery.

It states that slavery "ranks as the most horrendous of all deprivations of human rights and violations of our founding ideals in our nation's history, and the abolition of slavery was followed by systematic discrimination, enforced segregation, and other insidious institutions and practices toward Americans of African descent that were rooted in racism, racial bias, and racial misunderstanding."

The Virginia House approved the resolution 96-0 and it was unanimously passed in the 40-member Senate. Among those voting for the measure was Delegate Frank D. Hargrove, an 80-year-old Republican who antagonized black leaders earlier this year by saying "black citizens should get over" slavery instead of seeking a formal apology from the state. Hargrove voted for the revised measure because it expresses regret with-

out actually apologizing.

In a broader sense, now that Virginia has opened the door, Congress should also step up and atone for its role in slavery. Michigan Congressman John Conyers has had such a bill bouncing around Congress since 1989.

The greatest impediment to black empowerment, economic justice, and reconciliation has been the Constitution, which institutionalized the disparate social and economic status of blacks and whites. It wasn't just Virginia and a handful of other southern states that nurtured slavery. The U.S. government had encoded slavery in the Constitution and encouraged it for over a hundred years. This onerous system of entrenched bias, bigotry and segregation fostered the wealth and power imbalance between blacks and whites. The American economy boomed as landowners, traders, insurance companies, bankers, shippers, and other businesses made billions off the backs of black slaves.

The several small steps that Virginia has taken toward reconciliation are a welcome start after many decades of dialogue on race issues. Still the residual effects of the multi-generational alienation between blacks and whites lingers on. Blacks have made little relative progress from slavery to today because the American majority still harbors notions of race that perpetuates the slavery pathology. Even while America searched for its own moral high ground and championed personal freedom and economic independence blacks were still socially, economically and politically marginalized.

There is nothing new about state and federal governments issuing apologies for past wrongs committed against Blacks. The U.S. government admitted it was legally liable in 1997 to pay the black survivors and family members of the decade long Tuskegee syphilis experiment begun in the 1930's that made human guinea pigs of

black patients. They were the victims of a blatant medical atrocity conducted with the full knowledge and approval of the U.S. government.

Indicative of the wide dispersion of thought and dialogue over racial reconciliation is an observation by Dr. Raleigh Washington in the book *Breaking Down the Walls*. He addresses the issue of how whites talk to whites about blacks and how blacks talk to blacks about whites. The underlying problem with this lies in the fact that whites and blacks do not intrinsically communicate with one another about their experiences, resulting in walls of friction and misunderstanding.

The even deeper problem is the inability of man to reconcile with God. That being the case it is not difficult to understand the continuing racial reconciliation gap.

In spiritual reconciliation God is the offended party whose law has been and is being violated. Therefore, it is man who must become reconciled to God not God to man. The cause of the spiritual disharmony and enmity with God is that man first strives to be in harmony with the world instead of God's law.

Reconciliation with God should be man's first priority because an alienation and separation exists. God is love and even though God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten son on behalf of man, the fact remains that mankind as a whole has been in a state of enmity towards God. God's ultimate gift of love to the world was a gift made by Him to His enemies because of love guided by principles rather than friendship.

Once man is reconciled to God these same principles could be used to smooth out the rocky road leading to racial reconciliation by those who are now alienated and enemies in their own minds because of their wicked works.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: [www.truth-clinic.com](http://www.truth-clinic.com).

## UN: Security In South Darfur Town Not Improved

UN - The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) said this week that the security situation in the southern Darfur town of Gerida has not improved and militia attacks against civilians, especially women, are continuing.

UNMIS conducted the visit to Gerida to follow up on the Darfur Peace Agreement's (DPA) effect on the overall security situation, livelihoods and tribal reconciliation, according to a news bulletin issued by the Mission.

Gerida is a key town about 90 kilometres south of the provincial capital, Nyala.

The UNMIS team found that Janjaweed attacks outside town were ongoing and women were still subject to rape and harassment.

The DPA, signed in May 2006 between the Sudanese Government and part of the Sudan Liberation

Movement/Army (SLM/A), was supposed to put an end to the fierce fighting in Darfur, and the agreement covers security, wealth-sharing and power-sharing.

But the Darfur conflict has raged on and some 200,000 people have now been killed since

2003 and more than 2 million others have had to flee their homes, resulting in large numbers of Sudanese refugees in neighbouring Chad and the Central African Republic (CAR). In a related development, the UN World Food Programme

and internally displaced people will face even greater hardship. This airlift will help avoid any critical gaps in our operation to feed thousands of people," said WFP Executive Director Josette Sheeran.

WFP aimed to pre-position a



A group of children are pictured in the International Rescue Committee kindergarten at the Hamadiya internally displaced persons (IDPs) camp in Zalingei, West Darfur, Sudan.

(WFP) has welcomed France's offer to airlift life-saving humanitarian assistance to a growing number of Sudanese refugees and displaced Chadians living in an "increasingly precarious situation."

"With the onset of the rainy season, thousands of refugees

six-month supply of food to feed 240,000 Sudanese refugees in 12 camps and 150,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in eastern Chad through the rainy season from June to November. So far, it has managed to build four months of food stocks.

## Gov. Perry Joins HHS Secretary Leavitt To Sign Landmark Medicaid Reform

Fort Worth - Gov. Rick Perry was joined today by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt to sign SB 10 into law, reforming the state's Medicaid program that serves more than 2.7 million vulnerable, disabled and elderly Texans. The bill also creates a health opportunity pool, which will fund a premium assistance program to help uninsured working Texans who are not eligible for Medicaid by private insurance.

"By optimizing available funding for health services, expanding consumer choices, encouraging personal responsibility for Medicaid recipients, and providing new sources of financing for private insurance, we are taking a historic step toward a better, more accessible healthcare system," said Perry.

Today, Texas' Medicaid program costs \$39.5 billion, accounting for 26 percent of the state's biennial budget. By instituting a more flexible, innovative methodology to provide health care to underprivileged Texans, the state will be able to

serve individuals better and more cost effectively.

Medicaid reform is designed to increase the percentage of Texans with health care coverage, focus on prevention, and emphasize consumer choice in health services. Reform efforts will transform the state's health care infrastructure, optimize health investments, and provide health coverage to an estimated 200,000 uninsured Texans.

Additionally, Medicaid reform will do the following:

- Provide assistance for enrollment in private insurance and employer-sponsored plans
- Create tailored benefit packages for children with special health care needs
- Promote consumer choice through health savings accounts and consumer directed services
- Reward healthy lifestyle behaviors with health care incentives
- Set a cost-sharing base for non-emergency use of emergency rooms

In addition to Medicaid reform, SB 10 also requires the Health and Human Services

Commission (HHSC) to develop a pilot project, which will provide incentives to primary care physicians serving Medicaid recipients who utilize health information technology, including electronic health records. Electronic medical records will help to ensure recipients receive appropriate medical care.

"It is not the end-all, be-all in a state with unique healthcare challenges, including more than 5 million uninsured, many of whom have immigrated here from poor conditions. But this plan is a good start at solving the problem working Texans who make too much to qualify for

Medicaid, but not enough to affordably purchase health insurance coverage," said Perry.

HHSC will immediately begin work to prepare and submit a Medicaid waiver request by this fall to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

SB 10 takes effect September 1, 2007.

## Dems Push For Voter Suppression Probe

By: Lara Jakes Jordan - AP Washington - Senate Democrats urged the Justice Department on Monday to investigate whether one of its former prosecutors led attempts to suppress Florida voter turnout during the 2004 presidential election.

The request by Sens. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts

and Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island is the latest of Congress' ongoing inquiry into whether politics played a role in the firings of eight U.S. attorneys.

One of the fired prosecutors, Bud Cummins in Little Rock, Ark., was replaced on an interim basis by Tim Griffin - a protégé of presidential political

adviser Karl Rove who worked at the Republican National Committee in 2004. The two senators Monday pointed to two e-mails to Griffin - titled "caging" and dated August 2004 - listing nearly 2,000 potential voters in Jacksonville, Fla.

The e-mails were posted on

History Of Juneteenth Page 1

On Jan. 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official

state recognition.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for assessment,

self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long overdue. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make meaningful and lasting improvements in our society.

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The bill was introduced by U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., and has 14 co-sponsors.

Sen. Cornyn co-sponsored similar legislation, the Unresolved Civil Rights Crime Act, during the 109th Congress.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference

and the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there 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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# Southern Justice

By: Shannon McCaffrey - AP  
Atlanta - Genarlow Wilson's joy was short-lived.

The African-American man, who has become a symbol for extreme cases of getting tough on sex offenders, was ordered released from prison by a Georgia judge who called his 10-year sentence for having consensual oral sex as a teen "a grave miscarriage of justice."

The verdict brought cheers from his legal team. His mother, Juanessa Bennett, wiped away tears as she called it "a miracle."

But the mood dampened some 90 minutes later when the state's attorney general announced he would appeal, which will keep the former honors student and football star behind bars for now.

Wilson's case has gained national attention, with critics saying his sentence was far too harsh. Supporters like former President Jimmy Carter have said it raises questions about race and the criminal justice system.

"As far as I'm concerned, this case is a throwback to Southern justice," said state Sen. Vincent Fort, an Atlanta Democrat.

Wilson, now-21, and five other male partygoers charged in the cases were Black, as were the two teenage girls involved.

Wilson is serving a 10-year mandatory sentence for having consensual oral sex with a 15-year-old girl in 2003, when he was 17. If his conviction is upheld, he will also be placed on Georgia's sex offender registry.

At the time of his crime, Wilson would have faced just one year in prison if he had sexual intercourse with the girl. The "Romeo and Juliet" exception in Georgia law also would have allowed him to avoid the sex offender registry.

Lawmakers last year voted to close that loophole. But the state's top court said the new law could not be applied retroactively to Wilson's case.

Opponents of Wilson's release said it could lead to similar legal challenges. Georgia prisons currently hold 189 inmates who were sentenced for aggravated child molestation when they were 21 or younger.

In his notice of appeal, Attorney General Thurbert Baker argued that Georgia law does not give a judge authority to reduce or modify the sen-



tence imposed by the trial court.

He said he would seek an expedited ruling from the Georgia Supreme Court. And he noted that a plea deal is on the table that would spring Wilson in a maximum of five years and also remove him from the sex offender registry.

Not good enough, said Wilson's lawyer, B.J. Bernstein.

"It is really ridiculous when you consider that we had a judge that just said it is a misdemeanor that carries no sex offender registration," she said. "It is extremely, extremely disturbing that the attorney general would take this action now."

Bernstein said her office was seeking bond for Wilson that would allow him to leave prison

while his appeal was pending. He has been behind bars for more than 28 months.

The judge's ruling Monday threw out Wilson's 10-year sentence and amended it to misdemeanor aggravated child molestation with a 12-month term, plus credit for time served. He would not be required to register as a sex offender.

"The fact that Genarlow Wilson has spent two years in prison for what is now classified as a misdemeanor, and without assistance from this Court, will spend eight more years in prison, is a grave miscarriage of justice," wrote Judge Thomas H. Wilson, no relation to Genarlow Wilson.

"If this court or any court cannot recognize the injustice of what has occurred here, then our court system has lost sight of the goal our judicial system has always strived to accomplish ... justice being served in a fair and equal manner," the judge wrote.

Wilson's mother was jubilant at the prospect of her son's freedom and looked stricken when she learned of the appeal.

"It's heartbreaking," Bennett said.

A jury in 2005 found Wilson guilty of aggravated child molestation for having oral sex with a 15-year-old girl during a 2003 New Year's Eve party involving alcohol and marijuana. Although the sex act was consensual, it was illegal under Georgia law.

Wilson was also charged with rape for being one of several male partygoers at the Douglas County hotel to have sex with another 17-year-old girl, but was acquitted. The party was captured on a videotape that was played for the jury.

The five other male partygoers took plea deals in the case. One has been released from prison and is now in college.

# Chicago Church Billboards Target Ten "Trash" Rappers; Snoop, Lil Wayne, Nelly, Others Named

By: Roman Wolfe

A variety of popular rappers have come under attack in Chicago, where a Southside church has erected twenty billboards throughout the city, denouncing rappers they claim "demean women and perpetuate violence."

The billboards were placed by the Faith Community of Saint Sabina church and urges community members to "stop listening to trash."

Snoop Dogg, Fat Joe, Lil Wayne, Nelly, 50 Cent & G-Unit, Ludacris, Chicago native Twista and "all negative

rappers" are among the ten rappers targeted on the billboards, a spokesman for Saint Sabina told AllHipHop.com today (June 19).



"If we are going to end the violence and the disrespect of

women, we must fight every form of negativity, including the music industry," Rev. Michael Pfleger said of the campaign in a statement.

Rev. Pfleger and Saint Sabina have spoken out against a number of issues in the past, including racism, the retail sale of drug paraphernalia and grain alcohol and the rise of alcohol and tobacco billboards in the African-American community.

There are currently 10 billboards placed around Chicago.

## Inaugural S.E.E. (Self-Esteem Elevated) Conference

Having self esteem or what conference host and founder Cheryl Roseborough calls "God Confidence," is what makes a person whole: being healed mind, heart, body and soul. Roseborough adds, "I understand that I had low self esteem for years. It wasn't until I was around 32 that I starting seeing that I was somebody and the true healing process began for me. In the process of making the journey I found the "real me." The real me couldn't be tied to anything, anybody or anyone that didn't help

boost my self-esteem. Negative people or dead weights you have to get rid of." This inspirational event will show women how to develop their own self-esteem blueprint and live it especially.

Highlights include a special session with celebrity makeup artist Sam Fine who has worked on such celebrities as Halle Berry and Vanessa Williams.

Conference Speakers Include Retired NFL player Thomas Everett, Minister Kim Smith, bank executive Rosilyn Houston, Path-Way to Purpose® CEO

Cynthia Mickens-Smith, former beauty queen Brenda Bridgeforth, author Shewanda Riley and conference host and founder Cheryl Roseborough.

History: Irving based Now Faith Ministries International is proud to host the 1st Annual S.E.E. conference. Now Faith Ministries' vision is to uplift all women so they can see themselves through God's eyes of love, grace and mercy.

For more info contact Cheryl Roseborough at [crose@jvventures.com](mailto:crose@jvventures.com) or at 214-783-8778.

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a political Web site critical of the Bush administration, but a White House spokeswoman said the Democrats did not doubt their authenticity.

"Caging" refers to efforts to disqualify voters who fail to sign for registered campaign mail sent to their houses. In theory, the practice identifies homes where voters no longer live. But the Democrats said in a letter to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales that "there are many reasons why registered mail might be 'returned to sender' that have nothing to do with a voter's eligibility."

The caging lists targeted pre-

dominantly African-American neighborhoods in Jacksonville, the senators said in their letter.

Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said the agency is "not able to comment on an individual who is no longer a Justice Department employee, nor on allegations about this individual before he became a Department employee."

Griffin stepped down as interim U.S. attorney in Little Rock earlier this month.

The caging controversy also was raised last month by Monica Goodling, the Justice Department's former White House liaison. In House testi-

mony, Goodling said Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty was aware of allegations of Griffin working to cage votes in 2004 — but told a Senate panel he was unfamiliar with the case.

Goodling said McNulty "was aware that that was an issue. I told him the day before that it was" and provided him then newspaper stories about the allegations, she testified.

People close to McNulty have said he did not have time to review the media stories before the Senate hearing in February and told lawmakers he did not know enough about the situation to discuss it.



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## First Time In Collin County Two Minority Chambers Of Commerce Form Partnership



Plano, Texas - June 14, 2007 - Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce announced that a formal Partnership Agreement with Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce was signed into action during the Hispanic Chamber monthly luncheon on Thursday, June 14.

The public partnership is a symbol of the strength that the two largest minority groups in Collin County believe they share in the economic destiny of the county. They will collaborate on legislative issues and events of interest to the communities they serve.

Their first co-sponsored event will be a Minority Business Certification Seminar, Saturday, August 18, 2007, 10am to 4pm, 111 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, TX. Registration information on-line at [www.cchchamber.org](http://www.cchchamber.org)

## Heart of A Warrior Foundation Community Celebration

The Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation and the City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department Cordially invite you to a community celebration in recognition of a special gift to the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center's Summer Enrichment Camp

WHERE: Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center  
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Dallas civic and business leaders, along with supporters of the Hamilton Park community, will join the Heart of a Warrior

WHEN: Friday, June 22 at 11 a.m.

Charitable Foundation in celebration this unique initiative to benefit our local youth. This inaugural gift by the Heart of the Warrior Charitable Foundation represents its dedication to advancing education by supporting summer learning camps and related programs, as well as by providing scholarships to underprivileged college bound seniors in the Dallas area.

## EDS Credit Union Announces Sponsorship Of Frisco Thunder Football Team

Plano - EDS Credit Union has announced the title sponsorship of the Frisco Thunder Football Team. The Thunder is a member of the Intense Football League, a fast-paced indoor football organization.

Football fans can enjoy the game May until July. Unlike most football teams, the

Thunder plays a close-up game within feet of cheering fans. This brings the excitement of the game to a new level. With pre-game and half-time activities, the Thunder provides an entertaining time for kids as well as adults.

"Families make up a large percentage of the fans in the stands," said Kent Lugrand,

President and CEO of EDS Credit Union. "EDSCU feels the Thunder offers families an opportunity to enjoy an exciting sporting event that is close by."

Jake Reed, former NFL Wide Receiver for the Minnesota Vikings, is the new owner of the Frisco Thunder. The Thunder games take place

## Texas Unemployment Rate Drops To Historic 4.1 Percent Low Texas Employers Add 22,700 Jobs In May

Austin - The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent, its lowest point since the current series began in 1976. The unemployment rate dropped from 4.2 percent in April and 5.0 percent a year ago. Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas grew by 22,700 jobs in May, with 10 industries gaining jobs from the previous month. Texas employers now have added 239,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

"Sustained job growth and a strong Texas economy have driven the unemployment rate to this historic low," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Texas employers are prospering which means more opportunities for working Texans."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.6 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo and Odessa MSAs were second at

3.0 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs at 3.1 percent.

Trade, Transportation & Utilities recorded employment gains for the sixth consecutive month, adding 2,600 positions in May and 5,400 positions in the past 12 months. The Mining industry added 1,600 positions this past month and 19,100 jobs in the past year, achieving a 10.5 percent annual job growth rate.

"As more and more people find work, the economy improves for all Texans," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "The state has added more than 104,000 jobs since the first of the year."

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ing to cast their votes. Filled again!

The next 100 years saw Black people fighting for public accommodations, education, and yes, voting rights, which were given to us again in 1965, but even today certain aspects of the law must be "reviewed," "extended," or "renewed" every now and then. Freedom? You tell me.

Having fought the battles for civil rights, education, and voting, after being "freed" so many times it makes my head swim, Black people are still in a battle to attain true freedom. What is true freedom? It is all those things that we were supposed to have been granted after the Civil War, with the ratifying of the 13th and 15th Amendments. But, the culmination of freedom for Black people in America is economic freedom.

It was great to get freed so many times, but freedom in 1865 was with no money, no forty acres, and no mules was not freedom at all. Unlike the Israelites who were instructed by God Himself to go back and get reparations from their former captors, we received nothing but more trouble, Thaddeus Stevens' 1867 Reparations Bill notwithstanding.

When we did get some money, it was nice to have the choice of spending it in businesses we did not own, but it was better to support those businesses we did own. It was nice to be able to go to school with White folks who hated us, but better to have our own schools. It was nice to finally have the right to vote without being threatened, but better to have our votes count for something other than condescension and false promises, which would not have been the case if we had maintained our economic base.

That's why I say the culmination of freedom, if we are really free at all, is economic freedom. I don't mean individual economic freedom, although that's great for those brothers and sisters who have attained that status, but rather collective economic freedom. When we reach that status as a group of people in this country we will have completed that long journey that began at the Door of No Return.

How can we do it? Well, we can begin by loving and trusting one another enough to be willing to make an individual sacrifice for the betterment of our group. We will accomplish it when we are able to maintain our own institutions and organizations with our own dollars, rather than having to close them down or downsize because corporate donations dry up. We will do it when we care enough about our children to educate them ourselves, or at least take more control over what they are taught in school.

We will reach the zenith of true freedom when we own and control a proportionate share of this country's assets, when we have more banks, more hotels, more office buildings, more manufacturing, more distribution, more development rights, more equity funds, more real estate investment trusts, more revolving credit associations, more bartering associations, and more collective activity among Black people.

Yes, the culmination of freedom, even after all of the times we have been "freed" is economic freedom. In this capitalist society where the almighty dollar rules, people are truly free when they are economically free, not just free to go where they want, free to go to the bathroom when and wherever they happen to be, free to attend public school with other folks, or free to cast a vote.

The culmination of freedom, economic freedom, for Black people is our last charge in this country, our "final imperative," as George Fraser puts it.

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# Sixth Annual Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game June 23 To Benefit Children Charities Of The Heroes Foundation And The Mike Modano Foundation

Dallas - Batter up! Round up the family for a rollicking, celebrity-filled day of fun at the Sixth Annual Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game (www.heroesbaseball.org) on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at the Dr Pepper Ballpark in Frisco. Superstars from the basketball court, football field, ice rink and entertainment world will come together to "play ball!" with proceeds benefiting the children's charities of The Heroes Foundation and The Mike Modano Foundation. The big

day will invade the parking lot at 2 p.m. with a tailgate party complete with family-fun activities and games. Then, Wade Boggs, Ben Griev, Mark McLemore and others will swing into action for the Home Run Derby at 5 p.m. before the celebrity all-stars take the field to compete for bragging rights in the "big game" at 7 p.m. The big weekend also includes "little-league" action beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 22 when the Little Heroes Baseball Game gets underway at the Whataburger Little

Heroes Field. Sponsors of the event are Sewell Automotive, Baylor Medical Center at Frisco, WFAA Channel 8, K104 FM, ESPN 103.3 FM and the ABC Radio Group. Tickets are \$5, \$7, \$12 and \$15 and are on sale now at Ticketmaster (214-373-8000), online at www.ticketmaster.com or at the Dr Pepper Ballpark Box Office during office hours. For more information, visit www.heroesbaseball.org

## 1st Fridays At The Park

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Dallas - The Park Young Adult Ministry® will host 1st Fridays @ The Park® on Friday, July 6, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church Christian Life Center (11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas, Texas). The monthly Christian-based networking and worship event opens with a mix and mingle moment in the church's Christian Life Center. Experience authentic Christian

praise and worship with The Park Possé®, Comedian Antonio Johnson, DJ Red, an open microphone session led by Dallas' 1st Lady of Spoken Word - Tisha Crear, and a hip hop flavored word by Pastor E. Light refreshments will be served and childcare is available at this free monthly event.

For more information, contact us at 972-235-4633 ext. 15 or 30 or at 1stFridays@hpkumc.org. Young adults, ages 18 and older, regardless of religious belief, ethnicity, or gender are

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## Student Leadership Academy Seeks Students For Fall 2007

The deadline to apply for Collin College's Student Leadership Academy is 5 p.m., Friday, July 20.

Established in 2002, the Student Leadership Academy is a rigorous semester-long leadership experience unique to Collin College. The course is designed to encourage leadership, integrity, professional development, scholarship and service. The curriculum fosters skills through lecture, guest speakers, student facilitation and team projects. The stu-

dents earn three credit hours upon completion.

Only 25 students will be accepted into the fall LEAD 1301 course. Students interested in the course must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and fill out an application packet. The application must be completed in its entirety to be considered for the class.

LEAD 1301 classes are scheduled every Friday from 8:45 a.m.-noon in the fall semester. Class will be at the Preston Ridge Campus, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco.

Students participating in the Student Leadership Academy must submit an academic transcript, two letters of recommendation and an essay.

Applications are available at the Center for Scholarly & Civic Engagement in Room F105 at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano or online at www.ccccd.edu/sla.

For info contact the director Regina M. Hughes at rhughes@cccd.edu or call 972.881.5900.

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ing act against humanity.

The annual conference has several goals. Topping that list is self-evaluating the mission of the organization. The 100 implemented four signature programs entitled FOUR FOR THE FUTURE TM. The subject areas are Mentoring, Education, Health & Wellness, and Economic Development. The 100 has identified these areas as being critical to the future of African Americans.

The accomplishments made through these programs by local chapters have allowed the 100 to gain prominence as one of the world's leading organizations for mentoring African American youth.

Other members attend the conference to develop new business partnerships with major corporations, to celebrate the accomplishments of the mentors and mentees, and to reunite with friends of the 100.

One universal theme that was constant throughout this gathering was an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and pride.

Bernal Smith, Chapter President from Memphis, has been involved with the 100 for 9 years. He got involved after witnessing to many young males become desensitized.

Smith knew he had to do something.

"I was among the few of my peers who had a father in the home", Smith said. "He was, without question, my best example, a living giant among young people who made time".

"Recruiting Men who will care, commit and give time, mentoring youth is our primary focus" Smith added.

I asked several members to use 3 words that best describe their experience with the 100. Lionel Woodard, Atlanta

member, said completion, because we do what we say, pride, and, excellence, which describe the leadership and dedication.

Woodyard also cited a close role model in his life who repeatedly said that helping and serving others was important.

"My father was a man of the 100, he just didn't know it", said Woodyard.

From the Myspace-Hip Hop-iPod generation, repre-

senting the St. Louis Chapter was Jason Ware.

"Associating with the 100 has been life changing" Ware said proudly. "When I tell any young brother about the 100, I say this is about self-development, self-growth, not about destroying who you are". He said. "Did Ware have a mentor? Yes. The President of Harris Stowe State University, Dr. Henry Givens. Valarie Green, National Relationship Manager for Aetna, answered the charge to promote Health & Wellness with the 100. By simply asking "What can Aetna do"? A campaign centered around the 20th anniversary of the 100's National Conference was created. "We needed to start within the organization with the members themselves. If the Organization is not healthy, outreach to the community will have little impact, so we launched 20 weeks of healthy

and Talk Show Personality, had the honor to introduce his mentor, Dr. Cornell West, Princeton Professor.

Dr. West introduced a social awareness CD, produced by Hidden Beach Records. He reminded the audience of a time when Black Music had a message in it. When we could turn on the radio and be uplifted, encouraged, inspired and fall in love with one another. A time when we taught ourselves with musical words.

West charged the beneficiaries of the "Dream" to be good examples for our youth to believe in. To our young people who create music all but ordered them to stop "Bastardizing" our History in music.

"If we lose our History we lose life. You don't have a History if you are not willing to preserve an afterlife of your ancestors". West said.



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## Father Of African Cinema Buried In Senegal

By: Rukimini Callimachi - AP  
DAKAR, Senegal (AP) His body wrapped tightly in a shroud adorned with Quranic verses, the man credited with giving birth to African cinema was buried June 11 as hundreds looked on and a continent grieved.

Sembene Ousmane, who died over the weekend at age 84, was a fisherman who taught himself to read and write, a car mechanic, a dock worker, a bricklayer and a union organizer, all before he began write. He penned six novels before 1966, when he turned one of his short stories into a 60-minute movie, commonly referred to as Africa's first feature-length film.

Those who knew him say he turned away from literature because he believed film could reach a larger share of the continent's illiterate masses. Like his novels, his films dealt with issues of social justice in Africa, from the story of a young woman whose out-of-wedlock pregnancy scandalizes her community to a cart driver, whose daily life brings into stark relief the exploitation of the poor.

"Sembene's cinema gave voice to the voiceless in Africa," says Samba Gadjigo, a professor of film and literature at Massachusetts' Mount Holyoke College, who has written a biography of the filmmaker and who traveled to Senegal for the funeral. "What made his work stand out is that it offered an alternative to the official discourse on African history."

For instance, his 1966 feature *The Black Girl* tells the story of a Senegalese girl hired as a maid in a French household. Released four years after Senegal's independence, the movie is widely seen as a metaphor for the nation's continued enslavement to its colonial master. In exile on the French Riviera, the African maid commits suicide.

He worked hard to dismantle stereotypes of Africa, not just in the characters he portrayed but

also in the techniques he used. In his early films, he refused, for instance, to use the "tam-tam" drum as the musical backdrop, using stringed African instruments instead, said Odile Cazenave, a film and literature professor at Boston University.

Among the ways he tried to reach out was through language, making the first film in an African tongue,



*Mandabi* in 1968, a film in Senegal's Wolof.

Sembene's last film, 2004's *Mooladeh*, which won a prize at Cannes, is set in a small African village where four girls try to escape the brutal practice of female circumcision.

Among the hundreds that came to pay their respects were his staghands, costume designers and actors. "He taught me to work within African cinema. There was never a comparison to Europe. Everything was from here—the decor, the costumes, the symbols," said Magaye Niang, who plays a pickpocket in 1974's *Xala*.

Sembene was also instrumental in trying to create an infrastructure for the art in Africa. He is a founder of the FESPACO film festival, often referred to as the "Cannes of Africa," held biannually in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso.

He helped create a regional filmmaking organization that fought the sale of old cinema halls, a trend that has left almost no local venues for seeing African films in Africa.

It's one of the enduring ironies of Sembene's work.

Although pirated DVDs of *Blood Diamond* and *The Last King of Scotland* are readily available on street corners throughout Africa, the movies of the man who struggled to reach out to Africans are difficult to come by, especially in his native Senegal.

"Sembene understood that cinema is part and parcel of the development of a country. You cannot uproot poverty without tending to the soul of a nation," said Malian filmmaker Souleymane Cisse, 67, the president of UCECAO, the regional group that fought the sale of cinema halls.

Born Jan. 1, 1924 in southern Senegal's Casamance region, Sembene was destined to become a fisherman like his father, but could not keep from getting seasick. He was sent to live with relatives in Dakar, where he worked as a bricklayer and mechanic by day and taught himself to read and write at night.

He also fell in love with cinema watching movies in one of the dozen-or-so cinema halls in Dakar that have long since been shuttered.

After being drafted as a soldier in World War II, he moved to Marseilles, where he unloaded ships as a dock worker, joined the Communist Party and became a union organizer. He began to write novels, many with political subjects, including one of the masterpieces of African fiction, *God's Bits of Wood*, about a railroad strike in Senegal.

In describing his death, some reached for typical African metaphors, as if to honor the filmmaker's legacy.

His death is "an immense loss," said Baba Hama, the director of the FESPACO film festival. "It's the fall of a baobab," he said, referring to the thick-trunked tree, one of the most recognizable symbols of Africa which is venerated for its ability to survive drought.

But "he lives on in our hearts."

Associated Press writers Brahma Ouedraogo in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Almahady Cisse in Bamako, Mali and Heidi Vogt in Dakar, Senegal, contributed to this report.

## Feature Film "Stand Up" Featuring Syndicated Radio Host Gary Hayes To Premiere In Dallas

Dallas, TX...STAND UP, the new feature film by radio veteran Russ Parr premieres in Dallas at the Northpark Centre's AMC Theatre on Thursday, June 28th at 7 PM. The film stars Anthony Anderson (*Romeo Must Die*, *Me, Myself & Irene*, *Barbershop*), Darren Dewitt Henson (*Soul Food*, *Double Platinum*) and Guy Torry (*Runaway Jury*, *American History X*, *Don't Say a Word*). The film also features Port Arthur native Gary Hayes as TREVOR. "I play the love interest of Darren's character 'TD' says Hayes. "He and I are caught in a somewhat unexplainable situation by 'TD's' roommate 'REG' (played by Torry.) It is one of the funnier moments in the film."

The film is a drama about four friends who travel to Los Angeles in hopes of making it in the world of stand up comedy. One finds success, one loses his life and the other two are left to return where they started. Parr had no decision to make when it came to casting the role of "TREVOR." "Russ told me some time ago that he was going to produce a feature film, and there was a role in it that I was perfect for," explains Hayes. "I didn't really think it would ever come to fruition, but before I knew it I was on the set in Los Angeles for the production." Hayes says that while this is his first speaking role

in a feature film, his co-star, Henson, made being on set easy for him. "Darren was very reassuring while we were on set. He really helped me to focus on my scenes and just told me to follow his lead, and I did!"

Hayes, a longtime radio personality, continues to win audiences over with his wildly popular gossip segment and "Colour of the Day" segment. He can be heard weekly on *The Russ Parr Morning Show* in over 45 markets around the country



including Washington D.C. and Virginia Beach, VA. He also has a regular segment on Palm Beach Florida's new X102.3 on the Mark McCray Morning Show and *The Rickey Smiley Morning Show* in Dallas, Texas.

Hayes began his career at KJMZ "100.3 Jamz" in Dallas more than a decade ago. What started as a frequent caller turned into a featured weekly character with Russ Parr. From there

has sprung a continually escalating career that has launched Hayes to the upper echelon of the ever changing radio industry. His ability to keep his segments fresh and entertaining has allowed him to experience a level of success few featured personalities have been able to achieve. So does Hayes plan to put up his headphones in exchange for the silver screen? "I love radio and will always produce my segments as long as there are stations that find them entertaining and informative for their listeners, but I have always wanted to branch out into acting," says Hayes. "I definitely think this is the start of a budding film career!"

In addition to his radio success, Hayes starred as "COOKIE" in the nationally touring stage play "I'm Doing the Right Thing with the Wrong Man" by renowned playwright Shelly Garret. Hayes has been featured in a number of national industry trade magazines like *BRE* and newspapers such as *Rolling Out* and can frequently be spotted in *The Dallas Weekly's* "Seen on Scene" pages. Hayes also recently graduated with his Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. For more information about Gary Hayes and all your favorite celebs, log onto [www.garygossip.com](http://www.garygossip.com).

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## 'Game' On For Vivica/ Calls DUI 'Learning Lesson': Actress Prepares For 'Two Can Play' Sequel And Comments On Drunk Driving Arrest

A long-discussed sequel to the 2001 film "Two Can Play That Game" will be made by Sony Pictures as a straight-to-DVD movie with returning lead actress, Vivica A. Fox. However, the film could end up in theaters, a Sony spokesman revealed to the *Hollywood Reporter*.

Fox will reprise the role of Shante Smith, a relationship expert who uses her knowledge of the male psyche to help women reach their relationship goals. The original \$6 million "Game" earned \$22.2 million at the box office.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press caught up with the actress backstage at Friday's Daytime Emmy Awards and asked for comment on her misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence

of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit.

"It was a huge learning lesson. I won't ever make that mistake again," she said. "Trust me, I'm going to hire a driver next time."

Fox, who says she's currently in the process of trying to resolve her legal issues, admits having empathy for jail inmate Paris Hilton, currently serving a 23-day sentence for violating probation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case.

"We are not above the law," Fox said about celebrities. "She's going to get more coverage when her butt gets out of jail. It's going to be a special alert and we all are going to watch, right?"

As for her own situation, the Fox laments: "It was an unfor-



tunate judgment that I am taking full responsibility in. It is so not worth what you go through for getting a DUI."

The "Kill Bill" star will next appear in the upcoming film "Cover," an indie drama centering on a woman in a Black family struggling with AIDS and issues of faith.

more privilege. The results were published in 2006 in the journal Race, Gender and Class.

Ashraf Esmail, a sociology and criminal justice professor at Delgado Community College in New Orleans, and Jas M. Sullivan, an assistant professor of political science and African American Studies at Louisiana State University, conducted the study.

According to Sullivan, its purpose was to test whether the color line continues to be a problem for the African American community.

"We know that there has been a preference for lighter skin in the past as a result of racism," said Sullivan, "but we really wanted to know whether or not that preference still exists in the 21st century."

The researchers asked 50 African American men and 50 African American women, all students at a large Midwestern university, to participate in semi-structured interviews. The university was not named in the study and Sullivan declined to provide the name for this story.

The students were all between 18 and 19 years old with complexions ranging from light to dark. Each subject was shown pictures of light, medium and dark-skinned men or women from fashion magazines and asked to rate the images based on attractiveness. In addition, each respondent was asked questions about their mating preferences in terms of skin color and about the value of skin color in the African American community.

One reason for the difference in answers between African American men and African American women, according to the authors, is that women tended to take

more characteristics into account, such as lips, hair, eyes, height and style of dress, when determining a man's attractiveness.

The interviews pointed to slavery and a social stigma attached to darker skin.

"I think that people are valued for their light skin," said one student. "You can take this theory way back to the house slave mentality. I think a lot of people, because that was valued, were taught to value light skin. I think it is still an ongoing type of thing, and society really has not lost that altogether."

Both men and women cited media as a driving force in the preference for lighter skin.

"When you talk to a guy, he thinks that he wants a perfect girl he sees on the videos. Usually, the women portrayed in the videos are light-skinned and have long hair," said one respondent.

Still, another participant argued that African Americans don't divide themselves based on light and dark complexions. Rather, the greater issue is color prejudice in the United States as a whole.

"Black people just see all black people as black no matter if they are light or dark. If you have any black in you, the black community considers you black."

Analysis for the Esmail-Sullivan study took place in 2000. Though it is the most recent on the subject, its results differ dramatically from an earlier study of African American college students conducted in 1997.

Louie E. Ross, then associate professor of sociology at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, N.C., interviewed 149 African American men and 236 African American women for his study, "Mate Selection Preferences among African American College Students." His research was conducted on

the campuses of two historically black institutions in the Southeast; one public and one private.

The Ross study indicated that only 16.4 percent of women would prefer to date a person of a lighter complexion and 16.8 percent of women would want to marry a person with light skin. The study showed that 33.3 percent of men preferred to date a person of a lighter complexion and 38.3 would prefer lighter skin in a marriage partner.

Taken together, the research by Esmail and Sullivan and the earlier research by Ross indicate that colorism does have some impact on the African American community.

Esmail and Sullivan concluded that, "Further research in this area is needed. Clearly, colorism continues to plague the African-American community and we must first accept that claim and begin to find solutions that would ameliorate the superiority of light skin color to dark skin color."

Sullivan said there were plans to expand the research to other schools and to include historically black colleges. One of the issues he and Esmail plan to address is that colorism isn't unique to the African American community, he said.

The New York Times reported on May 30 that the most popular cosmetic products among modern Indian women are those that lighten the skin. Didier Villanueva, country manager for L'Oreal India, said in the article that "fairness creams" account for half of India's skin care market.

In the 2005 book "Fair Women, Dark Men: The Forgotten Roots of Color Prejudice," Canadian anthropologist Peter Frost reports that lighter women were preferred in medieval Japan, Aztec Mexico and Moorish Spain, even before there was significant contact with Western ideology.

Sullivan said, "What we sought to uncover in this study is whether or not the preference for lighter skin still exists" in the African American community. "Clearly you could make the connection between the preference for lighter skin and the past, but the deeper question, the question that needs much more observation is the why. Why does the black community self-select? Is this preference a dormant trait, is it something psychological, or is it just that light skin is all we see in the media and that affects our choices? These are the questions that still need

answering."

Other studies published by Esmail and Sullivan include: "Black Candidates in Search of Better or Worse?" (2002), and "From Electoral Support: Is Success Racially Dependent on Residential Integration and Social Declining Idealism in Black Interaction?" (2003), "Interaction Patterns between Black and White College Students: For Better or Worse?" (2002), and "From Electoral Support: Is Success Racially Dependent on Residential Integration and Social Declining Idealism in Black Interaction?" (2003), "Education" (2002).

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## Family Reunions

members other than their grandparents and first cousins. They gathered with their families to discuss their ancestors, their heirs, meet new family members, cousins getting to know cousins, etc.

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David Edward Lot with his grandson  
Kindergarten Graduation.

ly (each member doing his or her part) there is nothing better to give strength and unity to the family, to help the family nurture, grow, and keeping the world in balance for each member.

**Families are:** One of God's greatest treasures and the embodiment of all that is important in life.

Families are a refuge in good times and bad; a warm place of peace where acceptance reigns.

It matters not what you do or where you are, one thing you never doubt is

your family. The members are always there, arms ready to embrace with healing hugs, and hearts with unconditional love to share.

A family is a gift that's never completely unwrapped; it is a present for which each is eternally thankful. -Becky Speckles Here.

**The Family Tree:** I think that I shall never see the finish of a family tree. As it forever seems to grow from roots that started long ago; way back in ancient history times, in foreign land and distant climes; from them grew trunk and branching limb that dated back to times so dim.

One seldom knows exactly when the parents met and married then, nor when the twigs began to grow with odd named children row on row though verse like this is made by me; and the end in sight as you can see; "Ties not the same with family trees that grow and grow through centuries!" Author unknown.

Now is the time to forget the bad things that happened in the past, you can't bring back yesterday and its problems; the future is not here; you might not live to see the future; but today, you have the chance to bridge a gap, to forgive and to love each family member. Get together with your family and your extended family; get to know each other; learn of new members that have been added to your family tree.

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**MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
June 24, 10 am

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Mesquite Friendship B. C.  
Rev. Terry Turner, Pastor  
680 East Highway 80  
Mesquite, TX 75149  
972-329-5030

**NEW FAITH MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**  
June 29 - 30, 2007

We will host the Inaugural S.E.E. (Self-Esteem Elevated) Conference; to Boost Self-Esteem and a Blue Print for Life; come to Fellowship Bible Church of Dallas, 9330 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75231. Speakers include: Retired NFL

player Thomas Everett; Minister Kim Smith; Bank Executive Reshlyn Houston; Path-Way to Purpose® CEO Cynthia Mickens-Smith; former beauty queen Brenda Bridge Ridesford; author Shewanda Riley; and host and founder Cheryl Roseborough.

Friday's Session is 9:00 am to 12:30 pm with evening session starting at 7:00 pm. Saturday's Session is 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For details and conference fees, call Cheryl Roseborough @ 214-783-8778

**Now Faith Ministries International**  
Cheryl Roseborough,  
Founder/CEO  
P. O. Box 143972  
Irving, TX 75014-2972  
214-783-8778

There will be workshops; prizes; musical performance by the McCampbell Trio; facials; manicures; pedicures; massages; and more.

For information and registration, call 972-423-4090.

Hill Chapel CME Church  
Rev. Clarence Ford, Pastor  
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**ST. PAUL UMC CHURCH**  
June 21 - 29, 2007,  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

We are sponsoring an Arts Vision Summer Day Camp for children ages 5 - 12 on Mondays thru Fridays. We will focus on Visual Arts, Music, Theatre, & Dance. Arrangements for care before/after camp are available. Call Miriel Johnson-Redd for fees and registration @ 214-922-0000 for more information.

St. Paul UMN Church  
Rev. L. Charles Stovall, Pastor  
1816 N. Routh Street,  
Dallas, TX 75201  
214-922-0000

## Church Happenings

**AVENUE F CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
July 7, 10 am to 2 pm

Please join us for our Community Picnic in the Douglass Community. There will be games, a bounce house, and a dunking booth. FREE food and fun for everyone! For details please call 214-636-1468 or 214-282-7791.

Avenue F Church of Christ  
Brother Ramon Hodridge,  
Minister

1026 Avenue F  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-423-8833

**BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
July 23 - 27, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to our FREE Vacation Bible School; this will be a week of fun with games, crafts, and snacks. For information, call Carmelia Godwin @ 972-513-0122

Bear Creek Community Church

Rev. Dennis Webb, Pastor  
2700 Finely Road  
Irving, TX 75061  
972-513-0122

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY**  
July 7, 6 pm

You are invited to our Black Tie Pastoral Celebration Gala honoring our Overseer, Pastor Lisa Tarpley at the Radisson Hotel, 100 Alta Mesa East Blvd., Ft. Worth, TX 76134. Keynote Speaker is the renowned Bishop Gerald Long, Jr.

## Church Directory

**Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church**  
"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"  
Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am  
Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm  
14120 Noel Road • Dallas, TX 75254  
972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax)  
templeoffaith\_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)  
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor  
Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center - 972-404-1412

**Avenue F Church of Christ**  
1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074 • 972-423-8833  
"Our Pilgrimage to Heaven in 2007" - Hebrews 11:13-16  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:45 am  
Men Bible Class ..... 5:00 pm  
Women Bible Class ..... 5:00 pm  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Class ..... 7:00 pm  
Radio Program @ 7:30 am on KRVN 87.9 AM Sunday Mornings.  
Emery Tenen, Associate Minister  
www.avefchurchofchrist.org

**MOCORP Mt. Olive Church of Plano**  
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Wednesday Night 7:15 pm  
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HEAR PASTOR SAM DAILY ON: "TRUTH MADE SIMPLE" KQGR 1040 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY @ 5:25pm - 5:30pm

**Hill Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church**  
1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090  
Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

**The Inspiring Body of Christ Church**  
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd. Dallas Texas 75237  
Phone: 972-572-1617 Fax: 972-709-3888  
Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30pm.  
Monday School: 7pm  
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm  
Website: www.ibccjoy.org

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972-437-3493  
Dr. Leslie W Smith, Senior Pastor  
1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081  
www.ndcbf.org

**Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church**  
920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX  
Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.  
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Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM  
Sunday 9:45AM Sunday School  
Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries  
Tuesday 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir  
Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service  
Thursday 7PM Mass Choir  
For more information call (972) 423-6695  
www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

**Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church**  
1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX  
Pastor Charles S. Wattlely  
Sunday  
Education Ministries - 9:30 a.m. • Worship Celebration - 11:00 am.  
- Nursery Facilities Available -  
Wednesday Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.  
Friendly Fellowship with a Family Focus  
For More Information Call 972-542-6178  
www.saintmarkbc.com • stmarkmissionary@aol.com

**New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas**  
Sunday Service  
Morning Worship  
7:30 am & 10:30 am  
9:00 am Sunday School  
Wednesday Service  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
Missions 7:00 pm  
Singles Group 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm  
Dr. Robert E. Price, Senior Pastor  
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214-341-6459 (Phone) • 214-342-8403 (Fax)  
9550 Shepard Road  
Dallas, TX 75243  
www.nmzb.org (Website) • newmzbc@aol.com (Email)

**Faithway Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Of Hamilton Park  
8219 Bunche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243  
Church Office: (972) 792-0239  
Pastor's Office: (972) 792-0240  
Service Times  
Sunday School: .....9:45AM  
Morning Worship .....11:00AM  
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00PM  
PEOPLE OF FAITH WITH A MIND TO WORK

# Celebrating Juneteenth In Carrollton

The community celebrated Juneteenth by cleaning, painting, repairing, and planting flowers on graves of former slaves and others at Carrollton's Historical Black Cemetery at their Annual Volunteer Community Clean-up Day of the cemetery.

Carrollton's Mayor, other elected officials, residents, descendants and local citizens were in attendance as the work began. The theme: "Jesus Juneteenth Just" demonstrated

that Juneteenth is about more than parades, food, and games. It's about celebrating and honoring Black Trailblazers such as the Davis, Collins, Harrison, Paterson, Liffity, Hicks, Oliver, Loving, Boswell, Booth, Bradley, Allen, Purvis, Spears, Foster, Welch and Rainwater's.

The remains of Black Carrolltonians that were buried in the cemetery between 1830-1900; who were often treated as second-class citizens before the Civil

Rights era and even after the Civil War are in the cemetery.

As they struggled to survive in

their times, they had a lot to do with the growth of Carrollton; therefore its important to com-

memorate the lives of these Trailblazers.

A program, fun activities, and food @ the Clifford Hall Park in Carrollton ended the Carrollton's Juneteenth Celebration.



(L to R): Bahram (BJ) Jatalizadeh, Joyce Green, and granddaughter, Alexis Burke, volunteers @ the celebration.



Rev. A. C. Graves, MC of Carrollton's Juneteenth Celebration.



Kermagne Johnson Grant, reader of the history of the Black Cemetery.



Dorothy Graves, a CCC committee member and a descendant of slaves (Spears) buried in the cemetery.



Rudy McDonald, a volunteer and member of Christ Community Connection and Gwen Turner, a great granddaughter of Ned Welch, buried in the cemetery.



Jordan Francis, a youth getting involved in restoring the Black cemetery.



Rev. Willie Rainwater, Founder/Director of Christ Community Connection, Trustee of the cemetery, and a great grandson of the Davis' buried in the cemetery.



Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor, North Dallas Gazette, speaking @ Carrollton's Juneteenth Celebration.



Some marked and some unmarked graves in Carrollton's Historical Black Cemetery.

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 MONDAY  
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 Monday & Friday ..... 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday .. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday & Sunday ..... Closed  
**Contact Info**  
 Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church  
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 www.macedoniaministries.com  
 T.J. Denson, Pastor  
 Saturday: Intercessory Prayer @ 7:00 am  
 Sunday Services: Sunday School @ 9:30 am • Morning Worship @ 11:00 am  
 Monday Services: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday Services: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

**New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett**  
 Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Senior Pastor  
**New Worship Home**  
 7401 Miller Road • Rowlett, TX 75088  
 972-463-4964  
 A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17  
 Sunday Life Bible School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Life Celebration Worship Service ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 First Sunday: Ingredients for Life ..... 4:00 pm  
 Wednesdays: Life In The Word Prayer and Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm.

**Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen**  
 200 Belmont • Allen, Texas • 75013  
 Phone: 972-359-9956 Fax: 972-359-6048  
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 Church 972-790-8421 Fax 972-986-6390  
 Email: church@benwashington.org  
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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

**Friendship Baptist Church**  
 4396 Main Street  
 The Colony, Texas 75056  
 (972) 625-8186  
 website: www.fbc-online.net  
**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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