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**People In The News**



**Ronald Jones Garland's first black mayor.** Mr. Jones retired as assistant city manager in 2005 after three decades of working for the city. Mr. Jones started his career as assistant director of neighborhood service center in East Garland, 1974-76; grant specialist, city of Garland, 1977-78; director, customer service department, city of Garland, late 1970s to 1980s; Garland assistant city manager, late 1990s-May 2005; consultant to Garland city manager, mayor and City Council until he decided to run for mayor.

He attended Texas Southern University and Arlington State College (now University of Texas at Arlington), early 1960s; bachelor's degree, Dallas Baptist University, 1978; master's degree, Abilene Christian University at Dallas, 1980; ordination as Baptist pastor, mid-1980s; mediator certificate, Dispute Mediation Services Inc., 1980s.

Kevin Smith, an amazing Dallas Teen, born with the neurological disorder termed "Autism" yet has refused to let Autism define him or his future.



His college plans are to major in Radio Broadcasting Journalism with his eye cast upon becoming a "Sports Commentator". He recalls sports stats, scores, players and their career highlights as simple as saying A-B-C.

He played Basketball and Football in his freshman year, and was moved to varsity in both sports in his sophomore year. A former coach stated, "If we had more guys on the team like Kevin, I believe we would do much better!"

During an 11th grade English class project, he revealed to his classmates he was Autistic. That was the defining moment that put him on the path of growth, strength and development that inspired him to start an Autism-Sports Fundraiser. This fundraiser's primary duty is to generate awareness about Autism, Lymphoma and one Dallas Teen's ability to think outside the box. To learn more details about Smith's amazing journey, and the Autism-Sports Fundraiser, visit www.KEVINSMITH2007.org or Constance Smith at 214.337.5301.



Peter Roby recently became Athletic Director at Northeastern University. With the hiring of Rudy, NU became the second Division I University in New England with an African-American athletic director.

The only other Division I African-American athletic director in New England is Charles Jones at Central Connecticut State, which is located in Roby's hometown of New Britain.

Roby had been the interim athletic director since March, when he replaced Dave O'Brien, who left the school to accept a faculty appointment as director of sport management at Drexel University.

Roby, a 1979 graduate of Dartmouth College, where he co-captained the basketball team, served as an assistant basketball coach at Stanford, Dartmouth, the U.S. Military Academy and Harvard, where he was head coach from 1985-1991. Roby was also the vice president of United States marketing at Reebok prior to joining Northeastern in 2002 as the director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

**Real Men Cook**



Chef Jeff and Felicia Folder of Krave Magazine.

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**Congresswoman Maxine Waters Has Ted Hayes Arrested Over The Issue Of Amnesty**

**By: Nina May**  
To say the amnesty bill is an emotional issue is an understatement. Capitol Hill phones have been ringing non-stop, causing some members to unplug them, and turn off answering machines. They are hearing from their constituents that they don't want this amnesty bill to pass; they are ignoring these pleas.

But to have a citizen arrested because they disagree is beyond the pale and begs the question, why do they care more about illegal aliens than they do their own constituents?

Homeless activist, Ted Hayes, was on Capitol Hill, like thousands of other citizens who make unscheduled visits to their congressional

offices; and to other offices that don't represent their congressional district. There is an open door policy on Capitol Hill, and most people know it.

Ted, who founded and ran the homeless shelter in Dome Village, in South Central L.A., was in Washington on June 19 to visit Hon. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick on the issue of immigration. In an elevator going to her floor, Ted, Mr. James Spencer and Mr. Terrance Lang, began a conversation with some folks from Chicago who were going to see Maxine Waters in an unscheduled meeting. Ted told them that James was from her district in Los Angeles, and

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**Global Democracy - An Oasis Of African-American Soul In Israel's Desert**

**By: Simona Kogan**  
Deep in the heart of Israel's Negev desert, where you would expect to find mostly camels and sand, a community of expatriate black Americans has made a new life for itself in towns like Dimona, Arad and Mitzpe Ramon.

They call themselves the African Hebrew Israelites, but they are better known in Israel as the Black Hebrews, a 2,000-strong religious group dressed in colorful African prints made of natural fabrics like silk and linen according to their doctrine. And while it's taken most of the 40 years they've been residing in Israel to feel like part of the country, today Black Hebrews can be found in many facets of Israeli society - from the army to the entertainment industry.

"We are a people who have pride and are able to point to certain successes that have been elusive for the African world," says national

spokesman Ahmadiel Ben-Yehuda, who lives in Dimona, but spent time in Ghana, South Africa, and other African locations studying African cultural connections and migration patterns.

The Black Hebrews movement originated in Chicago in 1966 when their leader Ben-Ami Ben-Yisrael, then a steel worker named Ben Carter, had a vision where the Archangel Gabriel revealed to him that African Americans were descended from the lost tribe of Judah. In 70 CE, the Israelites were exiled from Jerusalem by the Romans and

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**Amos Wilson Was Right; "We Are, Indeed, Out of Our Minds"**

**By: James Glingman - NAPA Columnist**

File this article under, "You gotta be kidding me!" Dr. Amos Wilson's words, quoted by Kwa David Whitaker, in his outstanding presentation titled, "The Wake-Up Call," rang in my ears when I heard about the latest in a series of self-deprecating, self-denigrating, and self-hating acts of Black-on-Black economic violence by a Black organization.

Of course, Amos Wilson was not disparaging Black folks just to be negative; he loved his people and would do anything to help us achieve economic empowerment and "Afrikan consciousness" as he put it.

While Wilson and Whitaker used those words to awaken our people, more and more black (small "b" intended) people are actually committing acts that are directly reflective of a "sick people."

Prior to the most recent act of economic treason, we had the Chinese Connection, which involves the \$10 million contract awarded by Black folks to a Chinese sculptor to carve the National Martin Luther King

Monument, and the awarding of the project design contract to a white-owned firm.

It was unconscionable that a Black organization would not see that a Black Sculptor and Designer would get those contracts. But, Amos Wilson was right; we have lost our minds. "Massa, is we sick?" "No, 'we' ain't sick, but you sho is."

Now, as if the MLK Statue was not bad enough, the NAACP National Convention is going to Detroit, a city with 80 percent-plus Black population; Detroit, with its Black Mayor whose mother chairs the Congressional Black Caucus; Detroit, with its history of Motown, Muhammad's Mosque No.1, New Bethel Baptist Church, Rosa Parks, and Coleman Young; Detroit, with strong Black folks like Kwame Kenyatta, Joann Watson, and Theo Broughton; the NAACP is going to Detroit, and during its convention will present an Authors' Pavilion, which will not be managed by a Black bookseller! (Sorry for disturbing you, Brother Amos.)

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**Black Media Can't Get An Ad**



Diversity Symposium panelists Roland Martin, Pam El, and Andrew Steinard with moderator Charles Ogletree, Jr. standing at podium

**Best Companies for Diversity explain why.**

**By: Sakina Spruell**  
At a Diversity Symposium and Awards Luncheon at Rockefeller Plaza in New York, Black Enterprise magazine announced its third annual list of the best companies for diversity as featured in the July 2007 cover story. But before the awards were given, leaders from the Best 40 Companies were stimulated by a frank discussion on race, sex and stereotypes.

A petite panel of three explained why corporate America is still slow to support niche media outlets such as ethnic-focused networks and magazines. Pam El, vice president of marketing at State Farm

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**100 Black Men Of America, Inc. Names AT&T As Corporation Of The Year**

**PRNewswire**  
100 Black Men of America, Inc., a nonprofit organization committed to the intellectual development of youth and the economic empowerment of the African-American community, named AT&T as its 2007 Corporation of the Year.

AT&T was selected for this honor based on its commitment to 100 Black Men of America's mission, as well as the compa-

ny's diversity and community outreach initiatives. "AT&T has been a constant ally in our mission to improve the quality of life within our communities and to provide educational and economic opportunities for all African-Americans," said Albert Dotson, chairman of 100 Black Men of America. "We are pleased to have a corporate AT&T Corp. Of The Year Page 5

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**Around The Town**

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**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 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.assistanceleague-gcc.org](http://www.assistanceleague-gcc.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.

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

**June 29**  
**Inaugural S. E. (Self-Esteem Elevated) Conference** 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. Friday June 29, 9:00am - 12:30pm, evening session 7:00pm, Saturday June 30, 9:00am - 5:00pm. Fellowship Bible Church of Dallas, 9330 N. Central Expwy Dallas 75231 Cost \$25 Contact 214-783-8778 Cheryl Roseborough, [crose@jpvventures.com](mailto:crose@jpvventures.com)

**June 30**  
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**July 1**  
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**July 3**  
**IRS Small Business Tax Workshop**  
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**July 11**  
**How to Start a Small Business**  
 Collin SBDC, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano 11:30 am - 1:00 pm; July 16: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; N. TX Workforce Commission 820 Jupiter Road, (No Seat Reservations: First Come - First Served) July 26, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and July 31 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Contact Gloria Daniel, 972-985-3770 [gdaniel@cccd.edu](mailto:gdaniel@cccd.edu), [www.CollinSBDC.com](http://www.CollinSBDC.com)

**July 12**  
**Friends of the Plano Public Library 24th Annual Book Sale**  
 All proceeds go to the Plano Public Library System to fund collections, special projects and programs. First Nighter Sale, Thursday, July 12, 6pm - 10pm, Admission is \$10 per family, \$5 for individuals Friday, July 13, 9am - 9pm, and Saturday, July 14, 9am - 1pm, Admission is Free. Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway (Spring Creek & Jupiter Road) For more information call 972-208.8002

**July 13**  
**Operation Oasis Summer Jazz Concert** Fundraiser featuring Roy Ayers & Tom Braxton with MC Lynne Haze from 9:45 KSoul 8:00pm, Irving Arts Center, Carpenter Performance Hall 3333 North MacArthur Blvd, Irving for ticket information call (972)252.ARTS or go to [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com). Box Office Hours: Noon - 5 PM, Tuesday through Saturday. Additional information, call Operation Oasis 972 437 3801

**July 14**  
**Gospel Comedy Explosion**  
 Hosted by: Sister Cantaloupe Special Guests, Chinitina Morris A.K.A. Chocolate, Ms. Vickie and Marcus Wiley 7pm, The Majestic Theatre 1925 Elm Street, 214-880-0137. Tickets Price: \$27.00 - \$37.00. Purchase at Majestic Theatre Box Office, [www.livetheatretheatre.com](http://www.livetheatretheatre.com), by phone: 214.373.8000, or Ticketmaster Outlets: Macy's, Fiesta, or Frye Stores.

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**July 20**  
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## THE TRUTH CLINIC America's Crisis Of Conscience

By: James W. Breedlove

While the Bush administration is marking time trying to defend its current Iraq surge policy the human tidal wave of refugees is pouring across the neighboring borders seeking solace, respite, and relief from the oppressive misery.

They number approximately four million and the flood of refugees is growing at an astronomical rate. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that 50,000 per month are fleeing Iraq with the majority crossing into Syria and Jordan.

Recently this crisis worsened when Syria and Jordan tightened residency rules for Iraqi refugees raising fears that mass deportations will begin. Both countries have indicated they cannot sustain supporting the legions of human debris.

While the Iraq refugee crisis is in the current spotlight the world refugee problem is not new. Throughout history, people have fled their homes to escape persecution. There are an estimated 10 million refugees in the world; an increase of 14 percent in one year. If the number of internally displaced persons (those that have not crossed an international border) is included the worldwide refugee population is 23 million.

In the aftermath of World War II, the international community responded to their collective failure to provide safe haven to refugees fleeing genocide at the hands of the Nazi regime with an agreement containing non-refoulement.

Non-refoulement is a principle in international law that addresses protecting refugees from being returned to places where their lives or freedoms could be threatened. Non-refoulement forbids the expulsion of refugees into an area where they might be again subjected to persecution. This was codified within the 1951 Geneva Convention and 1967

Protocol. The binding agreement was ratified by 140 countries.

However, in the years since ratification, many of the wealthy industrialized member nations have either reneged or significantly hedged on their commitment to protect refugees. Some have even adopted hostile and restrictive policies that subject refugees to arbitrary arrest, detention, and the denial of social and economic rights. In the worst cases, non-refoulement has been violated and refugees are forcibly returned to their home countries to face the very Iraq refugee crisis.

The United States of America is a prime violator of refugee human rights principles. Having engaged in a pre-emptive war of choice that directly or indirectly exacerbated this massive displacement, the U.S. has a clear and compelling duty to take the lead in addressing the crisis its actions have precipitated.

In the four years since the war in Iraq was initiated the U.S. has taken in a total of 701 refugees all of which had applied for refugee status prior to the fall of Saddam Hussein. Last month only one Iraq refugee was cleared to enter the country.

Recently the State Department announced a program to resettle 7,000 Iraqi refugees in the U.S. by the end of 2007. However, administrative problems with the program will reduce that number to an estimated 2,500. One of the excuses given by the government is the unanticipated 4-6 months that it takes for a refugee to clear security.

In the meantime Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Sweden, and Australia have collectively taken in millions of refugees with no significant security complications. Yet America has done little to help or relieve the human and financial burden borne by refugee benefactors in the past four years. Not only has the U.S. under-funded its own refugee program, but it cut its support to UNHCR from \$19.9 million in 2005 to \$7.9 million in

2006. Yet America justifies spending Five hundred billions dollars supporting devastation and destruction of Iraq and making refugees of its people.

America has a moral obligation to assist in alleviating the Iraqi refugee problem since its sanctions, invasion, and occupation wiped out the Iraq economy and drove the vast majority of the population into dire poverty. Add the civil conflict that resulted from pitting the three major ethnic and religious groups against each other and the seeds were sown for the great Iraq refugee crisis.

Americans once were numbered by the riveting video footage that showed the punishing, cruel, and devastating horror that befell the refugees not only from Iraq but also from other countries. Now the starvation, deprivation, and mutilation has become so accepted in our psyche that we barely wince when we see the hollowed, hopeless eyes of the traumatized and terrified refugees huddling in their own filth while waiting for the peace of death to ease their pain.

Just two weeks ago Americans witnessed the inexorable and excruciating struggle for life of innocent little children hidden away in the dark and desolate wasteland of an abandoned Iraqi orphanage. Yet we do not challenge our leaders who speak noble but hypocritical words about peace, democracy, and brotherhood and do little to stop the continuing human suffering.

In the midst of this desperation and chaos it seems that America has lost all sense of who we were and forgotten the humanity that once symbolized America's moral leadership to the rest of the world. America is mired in a crisis of conscience. We need to rediscover our moral conscience even as we insulate our political conscience to justify a senseless quest for world domination.

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

## Sarkozy: Darfur Solution Is Crucial

Nicolas Sarkozy, the new French president, has urged the international community to find a way to solve the humanitarian crisis in Darfur warning that "silence kills".

His comments after a gathering in Paris on Monday of officials from 18 countries to discuss the unstable region were echoed by Condoleezza Rice, the U.S. secretary of state.

"The international community simply cannot continue to sit by," Rice told reporters at the end of the one-day meeting aimed at galvanizing peace moves in western region of Sudan.

"We really must redouble our efforts."

"As human beings, and as politicians, we must resolve the crisis in Darfur," Sarkozy said after hosting the meeting in the Elyseee palace in Paris.

**Sudan no-show**  
Delegations from the world's top aid donors, members of the Group of Eight industrialized nations and from China, a key ally of Sudan, met to help find a political solution to the conflict and provide cash for peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.

Several delegates, however, said they did not expect a large

package of immediate measures to be agreed, though some countries could pledge troops and funds for a planned "hybrid" UN and African Union (AU) peacekeeping force.

Sudan, which did not attend the meeting, agreed earlier this month to the combined UN-AU force of more than 20,000 troops and police but many diplomats doubt it will keep its word.

Rice however warned countries participating in the conference not to abandon the momentum towards a solution.

**"We really must redouble our efforts"**

Condoleezza Rice, US secretary of state

"Those who have been around this for a while are going to work very hard against backtracking. We have had agreements before and those agreements have not gone forward," she said.

The aim of the force is to stop the violence in Darfur, where international experts estimate 200,000 people have died and 2.5 million have been expelled from their homes in more than four years of conflict. Sudan says only 9,000

people have died.

**Greater interest**

Sarkozy said the existing force of 7,000 AU troops, which is widely seen as ineffective and is to be reinforced by the proposed hybrid force, must get more funding. He said France was willing to contribute roughly \$13.46 million.

The EU pledged an extra \$41.7 million of humanitarian funds for "the coming months".

France has shown greater interest in Darfur since Sarkozy took office and has proposed sending an international force to neighbouring Chad to provide stability for refugee camps there, which house tens of thousands of people who have fled Darfur.

Bernard Kouchner, the French foreign minister, did try and offer some cause for optimism, by arguing that the "future is brighter" for Darfur and that there was "a little light at the end of the darkness".

French financial aid to Darfur remains low compared with other European powers. It gave \$5.2 million in 2006, with \$3.3 million this year, UN figures show.

## Rice Says Sudan's Backsliding Means Pressure Must Be Maintained On Darfur

**AP**  
Paris - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice says the international community must maintain pressure on Sudan to fulfill commitments to allow a larger peacekeeping force into Darfur.

Speaking in Paris at a conference on the crisis, Rice says Sudan "has a history of agreeing to things and then trying to condition or change them." She says a lot of time has been lost as a result, and the world can't afford to lose any more

time.  
More than 200,000 people have died in the Darfur region of western Sudan and millions have become refugees since a rebellion against the Sudanese government began in 2003.

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they would tag along and see if they could see her as well.

When they arrived at the office, all were warmly welcomed by the staff. The Chicago group was ushered into Maxine's personal office; Ted, James and Terrance, waited patiently in the congressional office.

Ted's concern with the amnesty bill is that, as a Black man who has worked with the homeless and disadvantaged for years, he sees the bill as one more obstacle for poor Blacks to overcome. He sees the illegal aliens of Los Angeles putting an insurmountable burden on the social welfare and education system, and sees jobs that would ordinarily go to his people . . . going to the illegals. And when he speaks out about it, he is castigated as a racist, called names, slandered and threatened.

But this day, he hoped that since Maxine was seeing people half way across the nation, from a different district, that she would take the time to talk to one of her own constituents and friends.

When the Chicago group left, buoyed by the personal, engaging encounter, they waited for her to emerge from her private office and give them an audience. She emerged and walked right past them, and headed for the hall. Ted followed her asking why she was doing this . . . why wasn't she going to talk to them? To this query she spun around and responded, "You are full of sh-t," "You are full of sh-t, Ted Hayes."

Ted suggested that if she turns her back on her black constituents the way she just did to them, and votes for the amnesty bill, that she would be through in congress. She would be finished. The female guard took this as a terrorist threat, and handcuffed him. Congresswoman Maxine Waters did nothing to prevent this, to show a sem-

blance of leadership, and come to the aid of a good man that she has known for 23 years.

She could have said, "It's OK officer, Ted is a constituent from the LA area, he and I disagree on a lot of issues, but believe me, he is



Congresswoman Maxine Waters

not a terrorist. He is just passionate, as I am, about certain issues." Did she do this? Did she care about this man she has known, being handcuffed in the halls of congress, escorted out the front doors of the Rayburn House Office Building, jailed, and charged with disorderly conduct? No, but what she did care about was whether or not he would talk to the press. Her office called and expressed her concern that this story of his arrest not be leaked to the press, and not get back to her district.

Realizing that if this story got out, that she could look like a real elitist hypocrite in her district, Maxine offered to drop the charges if Ted would come in and apologize. Basically, denying that she was culpable of any wrong doing, even hitting him in the chest when he tried to come back into her office as she was slamming the door on him. She wants HIM to come and kiss her ring, beg for mercy, and then she will drop the charges.

Almost 80% of Americans are against this bill, and have tried to make their voices heard . . . they are also getting the Maxine Waters treat-

ment, without the handcuffs and jail cell. They are being ignored, mocked, ridiculed and demonized by these people who are supposed to be "representing" them.

Congress is out of control, and out of touch. It is all and newfound votes to keep power. And it is both parties . . . not just Maxine's democrat party. From Trent Lott to Lindsey Graham, who refer to those opposing the bill as bigots, and conservative talk radio as the fuel flaming those bigoted flames, the lines are clearly being drawn.

The two Americas that John Edward loves to talk about are his America of wealthy, elitist politicians who feel they are above the law, and hold the purse strings to pay for their self-serving projects that ensure they will not be defeated. To sweeten the pot, if they let illegals move to the front of the line of citizenship, they hope to get rewarded with their votes. They are the new constituent de jour, and they aren't even citizens. The other America is the regular taxpayer who has to pay for their vanities, their well-crafted follies that ensure their survival in a job that we trusted them with.

If they want to prove that the assumption I have made is wrong, then prove it by taking all rights for these illegal aliens, to ever vote, out of the amnesty bill. Make us believe that it is not about the votes and there is some higher, altruistic reason for this bill. They can't, and they won't. They will sell out our heritage for a handful of votes to keep them in the position of having the power to destroy each of us, and will demonstrate that absolute power by having us handcuffed and thrown in jail if we disagree with them.

And if we continue to let them do this, then shame on us.

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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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# Higher Education Bill Incorporates Obama Proposals To Improve Teacher Preparation, Fund Predominantly Black Institutions

**Bill increases \$100 million in college aid to Illinois students**

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) today praised fellow members of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee for incorporating his proposals to establish teacher residency programs and to recognize and fund predominantly black institutions into The Higher Education Amendments that today passed the Committee. The Higher Education Access Act, which today also moved out of the committee, includes a more than \$100 million increase in college aid for Illinois students in 2008-2009.

"Whether the cause is skyrocketing tuition costs or a lack of resources and leader-

ship, higher education remains out of reach for too many students today," said Senator Obama. "This comprehensive legislation will not only make college more affordable, it will provide our prospective teachers with the preparation, skills and support they need to serve children in high-needs school districts and invest a new generation of leaders by funding predominantly black institutions. America's teachers and schools deserve our long term commitment so that they can provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed and restore America's competitiveness."

Earlier this year, Obama introduced the Teaching Residency Program Act (S.1574), which would establish an innovative framework

for prospective teachers to partner with mentor teachers for an academic year, receive master's level coursework and certification, and gain hands on classroom experience. He also introduced the Predominantly Black Institutions Act (S.1513) to create an official designation in higher education law and provide funding for institutions with large African American student populations that do not meet the criteria for Historically Black Colleges.

Teaching Residency Programs are not only effective for teacher preparation and support, but also to increase the number of teachers in high-need districts, since recruitment usually occurs in the districts that sponsor them. The teaching residency legislation supports successful models of

teacher preparation, building on what works, and delivers on the Teacher Academy campaign pledge Obama made when he ran for the Senate in 2004. Each year, high-needs schools often lose nearly one-fifth of their teaching staffs. This constant turnover of under-prepared teachers undercuts efforts at school improvement and costs the nation over \$2 billion annually. Typically, teachers leave the profession much sooner if they are inadequately prepared and lack mentoring support when they arrive. It is critical that prospective teachers observe expert practices

modeled and then practice them with ongoing support. Predominantly Black Institutions are primarily urban and rural two-year colleges that serve at least 50 percent low-income or first-generation college students. More than a quarter of a million students would benefit from grants awarded as a result of the PBI designation. Grants could be used for a variety of purposes, from acquiring laboratory equipment to supporting teacher education to establishing community outreach programs for pre-college students.

Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Obama also worked to secure an increase of \$100 million in college aid for Illinois students in 2008-2009, and a projected \$850 million over the next several years. This increased student aid is mostly in the form of Pell Grants. This is paid for not by increasing the deficit, but by reductions in government subsidies to banks and other lenders. This is similar to the provisions of the HOPE Act, the first bill Senator Obama introduced in the Senate in 2005.

## Black College Enrollment In South Rate Passes Milestone

AP Raleigh, N.C. - For the first time, blacks are as well represented on college campuses in the South as they are in the region's population.

That's according to a new fact book released by the Southern Regional Education Board, a nonprofit organization that promotes

education. In the 16 states measured, blacks make up 21% of college students and 19% of the population.

The number represents progress but it also has to be seen in context.

A major contributing factor is the South's rapidly growing Hispanic population, which

has reduced the proportion of the population that is black. That's made the milestone easier to reach mathematically.

Overall, black enrollment rates for college-age students, while improving, still lag well behind those of whites, as do the graduation rates of black college students.

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upon completion. Only 25 students will be accepted into the fall LEAD 1301 course.

The Student Leadership Academy is modeled after Leadership Plano, Leadership Frisco, Leadership Allen and Citizenship McKinney prototypes.

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.

As part of the application

packet, 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.cccd.edu/sla](http://www.cccd.edu/sla). Students may also contact the center's director Regina M. Hughes for more information at [rhughes@cccd.edu](mailto:rhughes@cccd.edu) or call 972.881.5900.

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## Twenty-One Georgia Companies Rank Among The Nation's Top-Grossing Black Businesses

June's black enterprise Magazine Marks the 35th Anniversary of the b.e. 100s Report Chronicling the Growth of Black-Owned U.S. Business

New York - PRNewswire - Twenty-one Georgia companies are among the nation's leading black-owned businesses, according to the 35th annual b.e. 100s report. The cornerstone of the June issue of black enterprise magazine, the b.e. 100s is a comprehensive list that includes a total of 275 businesses:

100 industrial/service companies, 100 auto dealerships, 60 financial services firms, and 15 advertising agencies.

Georgia highlights:  
 • Industrial/Service Companies

H.J. Russell & Co. of Atlanta is No. 15 on the be industrial/service 100 list. The construction and real estate devel-

opment firm reports sales of nearly \$365 million for 2006.

• Auto Dealerships  
 Harrell Cos. maintains its position as Georgia's most profitable auto dealer. With sales exceeding \$321 million, the dealership ranks at No. 6 on the be auto dealer 100 list.

• Financial Services Firms  
 Citizens Bancshares Corp. (formerly Citizens Trust Bank) moves up one slot to No. 5 on the be banks list, with more than \$335 million in assets.

Georgia's most profitable black-owned business is Atlanta's EARNEST Partners, No. 1 on the BE ASSET MANAGERS list. Led by Chief Executive Paul E. Viera, EARNEST reports nearly \$26 billion in assets under management for 2006.

Atlanta-based Jackson Securities L.L.C. lands the No. 7 spot again on the be investment banks list, reporting \$25

million in total managed issues.

• Advertising Agencies  
 At No. 8 on the be advertising agencies list is Atlanta-based Matlock Advertising & Public Relations, Georgia's most profitable ad agency, with nearly \$69 million in annual billings.

Black enterprise develops rankings by collecting surveys from companies and gathering information from government agencies, professional organizations, industry associations, business information services, entrepreneurs, and corporations. The information includes total revenues for the 2006 calendar year, a detailed description of business activities, historical ownership data, and confirmation that the entity is at least 51% black-owned, or that blacks own at least 51% of its controlling shares if the company is publicly traded.

The complete is 100s listing, including eligibility require-

ments and criteria for each category, is available in the June 2007 issue of black enterprise, on newsstands now.

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## College Scholarships Available For Children Of Military Heroes

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Virginia - The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors the bravery and dedication of Americans in our

armed forces who have sacrificed life or limb in the defense of our country by providing college scholarships to their children. Freedom Alliance is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The application deadline for the 2007-2008 academic

year is July 20, 2007. Freedom Alliance is accepting applications from dependent children of U.S. military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled (100% VA rating) in the line of duty during the War on Terror (Iraq, Afghanistan, Philippines, etc.) and other

theatres of operation. Students must be enrolled or accepted at an accredited college, university or vocational school.

For more information about the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund or to download an application, visit [www.freedomalliance.org](http://www.freedomalliance.org).

### AT&T Corp. Of The Year Page 5

partner such as AT&T that is committed to giving back and enriching the community."

100 Black Men of America has established numerous programs that focus on community enhancement, specifically in the areas of mentoring, education, health and wellness and economic development. Today, more than 100,000 youth participate annually in 100 Black Men of America's mentoring and youth development programs.

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color, including 100 Black Men of America. In 2006, AT&T and the AT&T Foundation contributed more than \$36 million and supported nearly 1,200 organizations and programs that enrich and strengthen diverse communities nationwide.

Last year, the AT&T Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AT&T Inc., gave a grant to 100 Black Men of America to support the organization's nationwide youth mentorship program. The funds were used to support training forums and national outreach for the Mentoring the 100 Way(TM) program, which certifies volunteers to provide leadership-development training for low-income African-American

youth.

"AT&T has been a strong advocate of 100 Black Men of America and its mission for more than a decade," said Marie Long, vice president of Constituency Relations at AT&T. "We are honored to work side by side with an organization that shares our commitment to diversity and to the African-American community."

AT&T's 50-state workforce is 46 percent female and 38 percent people of color. Supplier diversity is a critical initiative of AT&T's business strategy and a key component of the company's plan to deliver the best products and services to its customers. In 2006, AT&T spent \$5.15 billion with diverse suppliers.

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100 Black Men of America, Inc. is considered the world's leading mentoring and youth-oriented organization. Today, the 100 has over 105 chapters in the U.S., England, Africa and the Caribbean, with more than 10,000 members, as well as over 100,000 youth participants in their mentoring and youth development programs. For more information on 100 Black Men of America, Inc. log onto <http://www.100blackmen.org>.

### Blackonomics Page 1

A representative of the The National Association for the Advancement of "Colored" People, when asked about the Authors' Pavilion contract with a non-Black book store, responded with an equally outrageous excuse: "They were not aware of Black bookstores, distributors or publishers in Detroit. Can you say, 'The Shrine of the Black Madonna'?" It's only been there for 35 years or so, and has locations in Atlanta and Houston.

Is our NAACP telling its Black constituents that no one in the National Office knew about the Shrine? Are they saying that no one in Baltimore, where they are located, knew to ask one of the largest distributors of Black books, Brother Nati, at African World Books? Have they not heard of Maryland/DC-based Karibu Books, whom they could have called to get information on Black book stores in Detroit?

Are they saying they never heard of Haki Madhubuti and Third World Press, or Lushena Books, both in Chicago? Would they have us believe they know nothing about Milligan Books in L.A., whose owner, Dr. Rosie Milligan, annually presents Black Authors on Tour in the same town where the NAACP held its Image Awards? What about Nia Books, Amber Books, and Cush City Books? Puleeze! Give us a break! This is absolutely ridiculous and, even though I should not have to say it, it's also unacceptable.

Black bookstores, publishers, and distributors all over this country are struggling to stay

open. Why in the name of all that is sensible, all that is logical, all that is reasonable, all that is respectable, all that is ethical, and all that is conscientious, would a Black organization not use a Black bookstore or distributor in Detroit, or even some other city, to present its Authors' Pavilion? "We didn't know," won't get it. Can you say, "The Internet?"

Where does this leave individual book vendors? Well, I spoke to five Black book dealers from across the country; they have been priced out of the NAACP Convention market, whose booths cost more than \$800 each. They cannot afford to go to the convention now because they will not have the right to sell certain books, and the NAACP will certainly not allow more than a couple of book dealers to be there as vendors. "One bookstore owner was told, 'You can sell bookmarks.'" What?!!!

This situation is insulting, and it speaks to the psychological conditioning that still rules some of our people. How can any Black person, who works at a Black organization and has just a hint of intelligence and knowledge of self, take a convention to a Black city, and not at least consider the possibility of there being a Black bookstore in that Black city that could organize and manage a Black Authors' Pavilion? I'm at my wit's end on this one, brothers and sisters.

So what now? Unless things change real soon, and I doubt they will, Black folks who attend the event should not patronize the Pavilion. You can still purchase the showcased authors' books from the Shrine of the Black Madonna or another Black bookstore in Detroit. You

must refrain from supporting this asinine move by the NAACP National Office. And here's the toughest recommendation: Those Black authors participating in the Pavilion should refuse to do so. But, assuming that won't happen, I would ask that they at least put in a good word for Black booksellers with the NAACP. O.K.?

It is ironic and sad that the words, "We have met the enemy

and he is us," are attributed to a comic-strip character named Pogo, placed on a poster by Walt Kelly in 1970. In 2007 Black people are indeed our own worst enemy, and in the words of another Kelly (Jim), the actions of the NAACP National Convention come "straight out of a comic book." In spite of having lost our minds, may Brother Amos Wilson rest in peace.

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## Couple Face 30 Years For Identity Theft Of Nia Long, Ashanti, Mariah And Others

AP  
Just because you're a Celebrity doesn't mean someone can't hack your identity

Due to a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Rochester against a Henrietta couple, Charles B. Curry Jr. and Shameika Drain Curry, both 28, they will likely face harsh penalties for identity theft.

The investigation began in October 2006 when a bank said it had been the victim of credit card fraud. Shortly after, Shameika Curry the mother of three, home was issued a search warrant by the U.S. postal inspectors after noticing a number of financial mail being sent to the home in the names of Nia Long and even singer Mariah Carey.

According to Shameika Curry's lawyer John Parrinello, the couple plead not guilty in federal court.

The couple who is stated to be separated, was charged with bank fraud, mail fraud, and identity theft. They stole the identity of a number of people including celebrities such as actress Nia Long and singer Ashanti Douglas. The couple

allegedly purchased cars, got credit cards and wrote a number of illegal checks.

Shameika Drain Curry went as far as impersonating singer Ashanti Douglas to get a \$36,000 loan and to purchase an Infinity from an Irondequoit auto dealer sometime last year. The young woman also ordered a replacement



license in Ashanti's name from the Department of Motor Vehicle that was sent to an address in Rochester, NY. The young woman even impersonated Nia Long so that she could write and cash a check for \$8,300 made out to her own cleaning business.

The husband Charles Curry Jr., impersonated his own father and also ordered a replacement

drivers license to get a \$31,000 loan so that he could purchase a Mercedes Benz.

In addition to being charged with identity theft, the couple will also be charged with defrauding a bank for more than \$45,000 to open a credit line by taking on the identity of an elderly woman from Rochester.

After appearing in federal court Wednesday, Shameika Curry was allowed to remain free on her own recognizance after turning herself in to the U.S. Marshalls pending her arraignment. Charles Curry had to secure his own release by posting up his home and his parents' home as collateral as ordered by U.S. Magistrate Judge Jonathan W. Feldman.

According to Charles Curry statement to the Judge, he hasn't worked for their cleaning business since February due to an auto accident, but records show that he recently purchased a home in Greece for \$315,000 on April 3.

The couple could face a \$1 million fine and 30 years in prison if convicted according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick.

## The Sankofa Players Looking To Audition Urban Teenagers

The African American Museum is proud to present its inaugural season of theatrical productions and formation of the Sankofa Players. It is said that the ancient and mystical Sankofa bird of West Afrika is looking back and gathering the best of what the past has to teach us. But he flies forward to his full potential and carries an egg that represents the future.

The Sankofa Players are looking for urban teenagers from the age of 13 and up who are committed to learn and develop their God given talents in a theater

company, to act, sing, and dance. This core group of Sankofa Players will be in front and behind the curtains, learning every skill needed to produce a Broadway type show.

In addition to performing classic and original stage plays that are meaningful to the local community, participants will be trained by professionals in the following categories: acting singing, dance, directing, writing, set and costume design, lighting, make-up, stage manager, and script collaboration.

In addition to actors and choreographers, sound technicians,

gaffers and grips are needed. Those skills will be taught, along with skills needed to be stage manager or director.

Auditions will be held at the African American Museum in Fair Park, Saturday, July 7 from 11 AM to 3 P.M. for roles in "A Raisin in the Sun".

The requirements for auditions:  
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## Angela Bassett Prepares To 'Meet' Madea

Oscar-nominated actress joins cast of 'Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns'; Rick Fox joins cast.

Angela Bassett will face-off with the all-mighty Madea in "Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns," an upcoming feature film adaptation of his popular stage play.

The actress will play the role of Brenda, a single mother who travels with her family from their home in inner-city Chicago to Georgia for the funeral of her father, whom she never met. There, she is introduced to her crazy relatives, the Browns, and also manages

to find romance along the way. Perry will again suit up as the characters of Madea and Uncle



Joe in the film, which is due in theaters early next year via

Lionsgate. He has played big screen versions of the characters in the films "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" and "Madea's Family Reunion."

Bassett, an Oscar nominee for her role as Tina Turner in the 1993 biopic "What's Love Got to Do With It," was last seen in Lionsgate's "Akeelah and the Bee" and the Walt Disney Co.'s "Meet the Robinsons."

Perry's latest directorial outing, "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married?" is due in theaters Nov. 16 with stars Jill Scott, Janet Jackson, Sharon Leal, Malik Yoba, Michael Jai White and Richard T. Jones.

## Morgan Freeman Cast As Nelson Mandela

Actor's company to helm film based on forthcoming book; plus 'Contract' coming to DVD.

Oscar winner Morgan Freeman will portray former South African president and Nobel laureate Nelson Mandela in "The Human Factor," a feature film based on a forthcoming book by journalist and author John Carlin.

Freeman's company Revelations Entertainment made the announcement Friday, adding that production on the independent film will begin in early 2008.

"I have known Nelson Mandela personally for quite some time, and am continually in awe of his enormous pres-

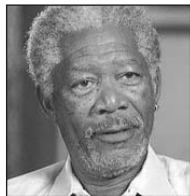
ence in the world. The opportunity to portray him in this film is a great honor," Freeman said in a statement.

Carlin's book, "The Human Factor: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Changed the World," will serve as the film's blueprint in examining Mandela's public and private life during the first year of his presidency, when South Africa was just emerging from years of apartheid.

In other Freeman news, his film "The Contract" opposite John Cusack will be available on DVD and HD-DVD July 24 from First Look Home Entertainment and Nu Image/Millennium Films.

The action-thriller stars

Freeman as Frank Carden, a world-class assassin who invades the quiet suburban life of Cusack's character Ray Keene. While camping with his son, single-parent Keene must



evade the assassin's team and bring Carden to justice in a deadly game of cat and mouse.

## A Jazzy 4th Of July Featuring Carmen Rodgers



Carmen Rodgers

A Jazzy 4th of July At Brooklyn Jazz Café featuring live music by Carmen Rodgers.

Born in Mississippi and raised in Dallas, Texas, Carmen's passion for singing began at the early age of four. As an adult, she began writing songs and her paths crossed with N'Dambi (a successful artist who sold over 100,000 copies worldwide.) N'Dambi was so impressed by Carmen's natural talent, that she invited Carmen to tour as a background vocalist.

Carmen began hosting an

open mic for poets and song writers at Sankofa Café, where artists like Floetry, N'Dambi, Kindred, and most often Erykah Badu graced the mic.

Carmen has the ability to captivate any audience. Her "sweet jazzy soul" sounds gently massages the ears of listeners with every lyric.

Event will be held from 5:30pm until Midnight with the 1st set beginning at 7 PM.

Brooklyn's Jazz Café is located at 1701 S. Lamar in Dallas. For more info call 214-428-0025.

## Evelyn 'Champagne' King To Release 'Open Book': First Studio Project After Decade Long Absence

By Phyllis Pollack - Def Press Public Relations

It's time to break out the Champagne. With her first album release in over a decade, dance, disco and R&B diva, Grammy winner Evelyn "Champagne" King takes us back to the dance floor.

Known for her smash megahits such as "Shame" and "Love Come Down," this iconic artist is back with yet another chapter in her musical career with her new album, "Open Book."

Slated for release on August 14, King will dazzle a spate of listeners, old and new with her special brand of music.

The album's track "Skillz" proves that Evelyn can sing any hiphop singer or girl group under the table. "I'm lookin' for a man with skills," she sings, while displaying some of her own undeniable, overflowing talents. With this track, woven into a seductive hiphop beat, Evelyn's contemporary appeal and her old-school virtuosity merge, signifying an intriguing and delectable mix.

"It's up to date," explains King of her new album, while adding, "But it's still me."

King, who has continued to play countless live shows throughout the years, values her vast performing experience, and she clearly knows her best niche. "I'm not going to mutate," she promises. Knowing that fads don't last, King carefully selected tracks that would punctuate her longevity as an artist.

Her R&B track "Whole Lotta Yum-Yum" is a sonic treat. With "The Dance," for

which there will be multiple remixes, King easily proves why she remains an icon of club culture. It is time to break out the Champagne



again while soaking in the overflowing "Paradise" she sings about.

King explains that her new album is filled with fun dance music, stories, and she says she is "bringing it back,

bringing back a story to a song, along with its feelings." Her voice intensely demands undivided attention on "Standing On The Rock Of Love," with its rock hard dance groove. King's ballad, "Open Book," is a virtual soundtrack for anyone who has ever experienced love, as its melody and lyrics define the parameters that make a lasting relationship.

King grabs her party heels again for the two special remix versions on this disc, which will leave all comers breathless. With the release of her "Open Book," King will be sending listeners back to the dance floor all over again.

"Open Book" will be released by RNB Entertainment Group/Jaggo Records via Fontana Distribution.

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ended up in West Africa where they were later transported to America as slaves.

"Our only form of expression left when we got to the Western Hemisphere was songs and our only songs were of places in Israel," Ben-Yehuda told ISRAEL21c on a visit to Dimona. "We didn't sing about Maui or Timbuktu, we sang about Jericho and Jerusalem. This is part of a tradition that they carried with them from West Africa into the Americas. Ben-Ami's vision was not born in a vacuum."

After the vision, Ben-Ami felt he had to return to life in Israel in order to fulfill the prophecy to create what the Israelites call a "Kingdom of Yah" or God on earth. He and 30 followers headed towards Israel by way of Liberia, because the prophecies said they would return the same way they came.

"It was a difficult experience for those who came out of the urban areas in America. It was not a return back to Africa. It was a return back to God," said Ben-Yehuda.

After a two and a half year respite in Liberia, the first group of Black Hebrews entered Israel in 1969, eventually settling in Dimona, a desert town of 30,000 created in 1955 to accommodate an influx of new immigrants to Israel.



The Israeli government denied the group Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return because the Chief Rabbinate of Israel has ruled they are not halachically Jewish. But by 1990, the Black Hebrews acquired temporary resident status in an agreement reached with the Israel Ministry of the Interior, and in 2004, that status was upgraded to permanent residency.

"Who defined that?" Ben-Yehuda says about the status issue. "We do not let others define for us who we are. That's why we would not convert, because that would mean acknowledgement that we were not who we said we were. Our lifestyle and our history are validation enough."

"We hope to be recognized as citizens but citizens have to be halachically Jewish. We're hoping that will change," says another community spokesperson, Avichaim Ben-Israel.

Even if the government does not consider the Black Hebrews true Israelis, they do and have even adopted Israeli names in place of their former American names. The first member of the Black Israelite community to enlist in the IDF, Uriahu Butler, was inducted into the army in July 2004. He has been followed by 100 other enlistments.

Despite the obstacles, the community, which allows the practice of polygamy and forbids the use of birth control and other pharmaceuticals unless

absolutely necessary, has multiplied more than 60 times over since it first came to the Negev.

The presence today is ubiquitous throughout the Israeli landscape. They have created a 40-person professional choir and R&B singing troupes which perform throughout the country and on TV. One member of the community, Eddie Butler, has represented Israel twice at the annual Eurovision Song Contest.

"I'm more than happy to represent the country I was born in. I love Jerusalem, I love Israel, I live for this country," Butler told ISRAEL21c back in 2004 before his solo performance at the contest. "This is my home."

Butler also represented Israel in the competition back in 1999 as part of a group, Eden, placing a respectable fifth.

The community, which maintains a strict vegan diet and exercise program, has also shown other ways to integrate into its adopted land, establishing famous vegan catering companies and restaurants throughout the country.

Regardless of their ongoing struggle for recognition, the African Hebrew Israelites con-

tinue to take pride in their practices and believe they will achieve their goal of becoming fully-fledged Israeli citizens this year.

"It's all about lifestyle, it's all about life choices, it's all about an environment you can have

control over," Ben-Yehuda says with a smile. "We are certainly wanting and desiring to fulfill the prophecies that spoke about the great role of Israel to be a light unto other nations. That's been our prophetic mission."

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sat on the panel, along with Andrew Swinand, president of Starcom Worldwide and Roland Martin, host of the Roland Martin Show. Charles Ogletree, Jr., professor of Law at Harvard, moderated.

The conclusions of the discussion appeared promising. El was very forthcoming that State Farm does have a green light list and a red light list. "Flavor of Love is on the red light list," said El after being asked how State Farm decides which programs to support and which ones not to support. "Being as conservative as we are, we are only going to go but so far," said El. She says its best to watch a network, such as BET, and hand select which shows to support and which ones not to support. State Farm is a major sponsor of Dr. Ian Smith's 50 Million Pound Challenge, however the insurance agency does not support all of Smith's works. "Ian has a show on BET that we sponsor, but the one on VH1 we don't sponsor. If you have a standard,

you have a standard," justifies El.

To this broader point is that corporate America has to do more work to reach a truly diverse audience. Long gone are the days of one-size fits all when it comes to marketing. African Americans or minorities in general can not be reached in one wide stroke. The panel agreed that segmenting niche groups even further is the way of the future. "Before it was about broad reach; how can I reach the most people as cheaply as possible?," explains Swinand who goes on to say that there is now a fundamental shift occurring. Swinand says Starcom has broken the African American group alone into 12 segments.

Nonetheless, most mainstream advertisers wishing to reach people of color are still not spending the bulk of their money with multicultural media outlets. According to reports, one out of every three people are a person of color, however one out of every three dollars spent on advertising does not go to ethnic media. "If an organization is using blacks or Latinos in

advertising, but not placing ads in minority media, then they (incorrectly) believe they can get everyone with one large broad campaign," says El.

According to Smith, the best way to get major advertisers to support or not support a media outlet is to apply public pres-

sure. "The bottom line is if you don't have public pressure, a company is not going to say we don't support here or here, it's going to say 'let's get paid,'" says Smith who credits the advertising withdrawal from the Don Imus morning show to public pressure.

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After attending "My Families' Reunions" back-to-back this month, and reflecting on the accomplishments of our ancestors, honoring and celebrating them, I thought about where our generations are today and what we are doing with our legacy. America's Fourth of July Celebrations next week, I believe this is appropriate.

This is attributed to State Representative Mitchell Aye from Georgia.

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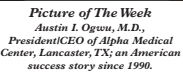
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Rene Syler's New Book "The Good Enough Mother"

Rene Syler, former CBS Early Show host and author talks to host, Valder Beebe of the Valder Beebe Show, about her personal health choices and her book; The Good-Enough Mother: The Perfectly Imperfect Book of Parenting

Valder and Rene Syler talk in Valder's "More Than Just Girlfriends" segment, a segment syndicated to Women That Soar (www.womenthatsoar.com) Life- Changing Moments. Valder interviews women of high net worth and laudable business and personal accomplishments.

Rene Syler shares her triumphs, from co-hosting the CBS Early Show to now working with the Susan G. Komen Foundation as an Ambassador, educating minority women about breast cancer. Her successful first book is entitled, Good-Enough Mother and is being embraced across America by mothers in the workplace. The conversation began very intimately with Syler sharing her personal decision of undergoing double mastectomy of her breasts and sharing it with a message of faith,



hope and victory. June, tune in to www.valderbeebeshow.com and hear this life-changing interview.

Church Directory

**Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church**  
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 Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am  
 Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm  
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 Morning Worship 7:30 am & 10:30 am  
 9:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday Service  
 Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
 Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
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Sunday Bible Class ..... 9:45 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:45 am  
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 Women Bible Class ..... 5:00 pm  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Class ..... 7:00 pm  
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 www.avechurchofchrist.org

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Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30pm.  
 Monday School: 7pm  
 Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm  
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 Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service  
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 www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

Church Happenings

**AVENUE F CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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 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.

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 July 23 - 27, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
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## Immigration Reform Goals For The CBC

The members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) recognize the need for a comprehensive approach to immigration reform that includes increased security, protection against illegal immigration, immigration policies that have articulated objectives and fair administration of our immigration system.

Consistent with this, the CBC adopts the following Statement of Principles.

**Diversity And Equal Treatment**

The CBC supports immigration criteria that will increase the diversity of immigration from countries that have historically been underrepresented, such as countries in the Caribbean and Africa, or treated unequally, such as Haiti.

**Earned Access To Citizenship**

The CBC supports earned access to lawful permanent res-

ident status for persons currently in the United States that takes the following factors into account:

- Unification of immigrant families, which would include uniting immigrants with spouses, children or other close family members who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States;
- Proven employment records through temporary and guest worker programs or other temporary residence programs; and
- Such reform of earned access to citizenship should also include a path to permanency for the undocumented already here.

**Economic Opportunity And Fair Wages For Legal Workers**

The CBC believes that all citizens and legal workers in the United States should be assured education and job training, non-discriminatory employment opportunity and livable wage.

The CBC, therefore, supports increased funding for education and job training utilizing fees generated from new immigration provisions and other resources and supports increased funding for enforcement of laws against employment discrimination, wage and hour violations, unfair labor practices and illegal hiring. The CBC also supports holding employers accountable for the legal status of their employees.

**Border Security**

The CBC believes that the federal government has the responsibility to protect, through border security and other means, against immigrants illegally entering the country and/or overstaying their authorized periods of admission. The CBC, therefore, supports funding for border security equipment, border patrol agents, enforcement and other resources as reasonably necessary to accomplish those objectives.

## Innercircle Mind And Body Presents First Annual "I Am Woman Hear Me Roar"

Never has there been a more exciting time to be a woman business owner. Women continue to move to entrepreneurship in record numbers due to the flexibility, control, and catalyst for change offered through business ownership.

Leslie Taylor Hare, CEO of InnerCircle Mind and Body, television host, radio personality and one of America's most electrifying inspirational/ motivational speakers will award a contest winner a \$10,000 grand prize towards starting their own business venture. The contest begins on June 25 and ends July 28. Additional contest details, including detailed eligibility and entry requirements, are available at [www.leslietaylorhare.com](http://www.leslietaylorhare.com).

The 1st Annual "I Am Woman Hear Me Roar" Entrepreneurial Women's Rally

promotes a new beginning in women lives to live their best life...being happy...being free...and feeling fulfilled living the American Dream as a woman business owner.

Leslie Taylor Hare speaks from her own experiences to diverse audiences about personal survival, leadership, business development and personal motivation.

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- Women Entrepreneurs: Leading with a Purpose
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- The Balancing Act: Health, Career and Family

The rally will also showcase other women entrepreneurs from different diverse backgrounds telling their stories of success.

Saturday September 8, 2007 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.  
Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 First Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75210

Tickets \$42.99 available through Ticketmaster

InnerCircle Mind and Body will also donate \$2.00 of each ticket purchased through Ticketmaster to the American Cancer Society to aid in the fight against breast cancer.

Founded in 2005, InnerCircle Mind and Body is a national public speaking agency dedicated to motivating, empowering and inspiring women to achieve their highest potential. For more information contact Michelle Levy at [972-746-1013](http://972-746-1013) or log on to [www.leslietaylorhare.com](http://www.leslietaylorhare.com).

Email: [iamwomanhearmeroar@leslietaylorhare.com](mailto:iamwomanhearmeroar@leslietaylorhare.com)

## The Alliance Of Technology And Women Announces Power Of Self Scholarship Program For Women

Dallas - The Alliance of Technology and Women (ATW), a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering women in technology, today announced a call for applications for its 2007 Power of Self Scholarship Program for women in executive and high technology leadership positions.

The Power of Self is a year-long development program, enhanced by individual coaching, that offers women greater clarity and a strategic framework for making deliberate choices in all dimensions of their lives. At the conclusion of the program, participants report substantial growth in their ability to:

- Provide confident leadership
- Gain clarity and self-awareness
- Create more effective working relationships
- Develop greater trust in supporting and mentoring women
- Become a powerful resource for shared learning in their organization

"This scholarship emphasizes one of ATW's core values: developing leadership potential," said Bettyjo Bouchee, National President.

"And for the fifth year, our partnership with Marsha Clark & Associates, allows us to offer this program to ATW members."

About the Scholarship  
ATW and Marsha Clark and

Associates jointly created the scholarship as an opportunity for women in executive and other high-potential leadership positions in the technology industry worldwide. Those interested in and suited for this program must possess a passion to help other

women grow professionally, as well as the desire for self-improvement, self-awareness, and an overall commitment to increasing their capacity for leadership.

An in-depth program that challenges women to grow both personally and professionally, the

Power of Self sessions are scheduled from October 2007 through September 2008. The scholarship is available to an ATW member becoming a participant in the program at no cost to her (a \$19,500 value), other than travel, lodging

and meals. Applications are due July 15, 2007. Selection and notification will occur no later than July 31, 2007.

To download the application, visit [www.atwinternational.org](http://www.atwinternational.org) or email us at [info@atwinternational.org](mailto:info@atwinternational.org) for a copy.

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11:00 a.m.  
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**Tuesday**  
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**Wednesday**  
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