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## People In The News



John Johnson, point guard for the ABA Texas Tycoons has a mission outside of scoring points on the basketball court. John's greater mission is developing youth through his Head Up! Foundation.

John is founder and president of the foundation which was chartered as a non-profit organization in April of 2003. The goal of the Head Up! Foundation are to provide youth with the opportunity to develop their skills in sports and academics while utilizing instructional strategies in sports and educational activities to develop young people socially, academically and culturally.

It is with these goals in mind that The Head Up! Foundation will conduct its 3rd Annual Basketball Camp, June 13th to June 17th. The camp will be held at WHA World School gymnasium, 1309 Reynolds Lane in Dallas, for children in grades 3 through 8. The camp takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily.

The camp is designed to instruct youth in developing skills beyond basketball. The importance of education, self-esteem and good citizenship are major themes that will be emphasized. Some of the students who participate will be selected for the yearbook mentoring program, which will include tutoring, classroom and extracurricular coaching and field trips.

For more information about The Head Up! Foundation, call 214-399-1400 or send email to [headupfoundation@hotmail.com](mailto:headupfoundation@hotmail.com).

Local author and journalist Sheronda Riley will be conducting her 5th Annual National Get Over Your Love Hangover Conference on Friday, June 24th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The conference will be held at the Wyndham Garden Market Center, 2015 Market Center Boulevard in Dallas, Texas. There is no cost for attending, however, pre-registration is required.

Having been spiritually and emotionally healed after a relationship breakup in 1999, Ms. Riley wrote the book *Love Hangover*. *Love Hangover* provides a road map for recovery for those who seek genuine and lasting emotional healing after a romantic relationship has gone sour.

The theme for the 2005 conference is "Purified by Passion and Preserved by Purpose". One of the goals of this year's conference is to teach individuals how to be guided by their God-given purpose in achieving God's purpose.

Guest speakers for the conference include Prophet Eric V. Copeland of San Antonio, Texas; Reverend Keith Sykes; Reverend David Perrell; Reverend Vanessa Darden-Ingram; Dr. Sharon Patterson; Prophetess NaKette Johnson and author Sheronda Riley.

Both the conference and book have been featured in BET Magazine. Endorsed by Bishop T.D. Jakes, Stephen Ambrus, Les Brown and Thomas Wells, the book *Love Hangover* is also an Essence Magazine best-seller.

For more information visit [www.getoveryourlovehangover.com](http://www.getoveryourlovehangover.com) or call 972-533-3343.

Hamilton Naki, a former gardener who was an skilled in complicated surgery that he helped in the world's first heart transplant - but had to keep his work secret in apartheid South Africa - has died. He was 78. Naki, a black man who left high school because his family couldn't afford the fees, took his first job at the age of 14, working grass at the University of Cape Town. The university, where he worked until his retirement in 1991, announced his death on its website. No cause of death was listed.

In 1974 he was promoted to helping care for laboratory animals and progressed from cleaning cages to more advanced lab work after a professor at the university asked him to help anesthetize animals used to train students in surgery.

"He has skills I don't have," Dr. Christian Barnard told The Associated Press in 1993. "If Hamilton had had the opportunity to perform, he would have probably become a brilliant surgeon."

Barnard asked Naki to be on the backup team in what became the world's first successful heart transplant, in December 1967. It was in violation of the country's laws on racial segregation, which dictated that blacks should not be given medical training, nor have contact with white patients. Naki was especially known for teaching medical students to perform intricate liver transplants on pigs, a procedure said to be more complicated than human heart transplants.

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## Guess Who is Joining the Party?

By: Ruth Ferguson  
Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean was recently reprimanded for characterizing the Republican Party as "white Christians." Some suggest this is another sign of the Democratic leadership being asleep at the wheel. While the Religious Right has exhibited a great deal of influence within the Republican Party, they are not all white. In the 2004 election, President George W. Bush received increased support from the middle class African-American community that was attracted by the messages of values and lower taxes. In response to this political shift, the Marquis Hayes Collin County Republican Club was formed in Plano, Texas.

The African-American Collin County Republican Club was named in honor of Marquis Hayes, a former Harlem Globetrotter. The organization's stated mission is to "provide African Americans an environment to become politically engaged at the local, state and national levels of the Republican Party through civic, educational, political training and effective coalition building."

Speaking at the second meeting of the Club on May 27th, President Fred Moses reiterated the group's desire, "to make a difference in our community." Moses encouraged the attendees to get involved because it is, "about having an effective voice in the political process." Moses feels establishing a rapport with elected officials is critical when

issues important to the membership arise.

In an effort to introduce officials and members, the guest speaker for the May meeting was Kenneth L. Maun, Tax Assessor Collector for Collin County. Maun, recently re-elected, has served for over 20



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## Juneteenth is our Independence Day

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist  
June 19, 1865 is commemorated by Africans in America as the day the last slaves were freed. For many Black folks Juneteenth, as it is now called, is our Independence Day, that final nail in the coffin of the worst treatment ever put on a people. Juneteenth was the culmination of the prayers, hopes, and dreams of our enslaved relatives, the notice that finally they had their freedom, despite recalcitrant cotton plantation owners who were not about to allow our ancestors go in peace. Freedom was in the air on that day in June 1865, and millions of Black people still celebrate that freedom today.

This year I am speaking in Columbus, Ohio at their Juneteenth celebration, and I am pleased and honored to do so. It is my hope that the brothers and sisters will come out and participate in this event in even higher numbers than they would if it were a concert or a football game. Yes, there is an admission, but there are also admission fees for amusement parks, theaters, music festivals, sporting

events, et al. At those events you get entertained; at the Juneteenth event in Columbus, you will get educated, informed, inspired, and I hope infected with a consciousness that will cause you to always support your brothers and sisters in efforts such as this one.

Juneteenth is about freedom. I ask again: "Are we really free?" Many of those ancestors in Texas, upon hearing the good news, left with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They left to "seek for themselves," as Richard Allen stated 100 years earlier. They took the risk of being killed or even enslaved again, despite so-called emancipation. They were willing to go out into a land about which

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## Garland NAACP Hosts Medicare Seminar

The NAACP Garland Branch will host a representative of the Social Security Administration (SSA), Dallas Regional Office at its upcoming monthly meeting.

This expert special guest will give a presentation and answer questions on an important health care topic: The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program-What You Need to Know.

The event will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at the Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin @ Glenbrook (downtown). Garland across from the Nicholson Memorial Library). There is no cost for attending the event.

Topics discussed will include facts about eligi-

bility and enrollment, learning how Medicare will pay for prescriptions and learning about how to access other resources.

If you are, or have family members that are Medicare beneficiaries, you cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Open to members and the tri-city (Garland/Rowlett/Sachse) general public.

For more information call the NAACP Garland Branch at 972-381-5044.

## Faith-Based Grant Process

Too many Americans are homeless, hungry, or hurting. Some struggle to get off of welfare or drugs or public dollars as seniors who can't make it on their own, or children with parents in prison. In every corner of America, there are people of all ages in need of help.

Faith-based and community groups are the unsung heroes in helping Americans in need. Their compassionate care and neighborhood love turns lives around and provide hope where it has been missing.

These groups do not provide care because they have to, but because they want to.

In August 2001, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives released a report, *Unleashing the Power of Faith*, that identified many of the barriers that faith-based and community organizations face in accessing Federal funds.

The guiding principle behind President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative is that faith-

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## Single Dads- No Longer A Rarity

By: Paul Bailey  
Danny Carson did not want his children to experi-



ence the same things he did growing up without a father. So two years ago, Danny 28, decided to do something completely out of the ordinary: take full time custody of his children, Darius 6, and Jada 3. He wanted to make sure they would not bear the same feelings of abandon-

ment he did while growing up in the West Dallas and North Dallas projects. Danny Carson wants what the majority of black fathers want- a better life for their children, and to have an active role in their childhood.

"I didn't want my kids to go through any of the stuff I went through," Carson explained.

"I wanted them to have a good relationship with their father."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of custodial single fathers increased from 393,000 in 1970 to 2.3 million in 2004. Fifty-nine percent of the total were white, 20 percent were Hispanic and 16 percent were black. This trans-

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## History of Juneteenth

What is Juneteenth? Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of ending of slavery. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free.

Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the 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, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

Later attempts to explain this two and a half year delay in the receipt of this important news have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another is that the news was deliberately withheld by the slave masters to maintain the labor force on the plantations. And still another is that federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the

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## The Importance of Fathers

By: Resonance Masculi  
There is no doubt that mothers play an all-important leading role in the lives of their children. They are the obvious heroes of child rearing. But what about a father's role? Just how important are the dads of the world compared to the almighty image of mother? My belief is that fathers play just as important a role as mothers. Different, yes. Possibly not as nurturing, not as all-sacrificing but just as important in the developmental and emotional well being of a child.

Dads are the solid foundation of our lives. They are the shore we swim to when our arms and legs feel increasingly tired. They are the strength we rely on as we take our first tentative steps into the world. Dads can be tender, tough, fragile or powerful but they are probably the most uncomplicated love we will ever know.

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# MON-The Gazette, one of the sponsors for the first annual Comerica Collin 60 awards

It was congratulations all around at the Comerica Collin 60 awards luncheon, as 60 of the fastest growing businesses in Collin County were recognized. The luncheon was held Thursday, June 9, 2005, at the Marriott Legacy Town Center, Plano.

Honoring the top 60 businesses was the brain-child of Mr. Spencer Dworkis, vice president of marketing for Comerica Bank-Texas, who spoke with Inside Collin County Business about the idea. In order to be considered for an award, each company had to meet specific established objective criteria. The winning company was White Rock Networks, which was represented by CEO, Lonnie Martin.

The event was attended by several town mayors, and was MC'd by Scott Sams, formerly with Channel 8. MON-The Gazette was one of the many proud sponsors.



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Master of Ceremonies Scott Sams

## The Top 10 Winners:

1. White Rock Networks
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3. SyChip, Inc.
4. Skywire Software
5. Huffman Builders
6. Manner Plastics, L.P.
7. RamQuest Software, Inc.
8. Salon at Eaton Court
9. McKnight Associates, Inc.
10. Creation Technologies Texas LP

## Plano Community Forum Golf Tournament

The Plano Community Forum will be holding their 8th annual Golf Tournament benefiting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund. The tournament is on Friday, June 24th at the Plantation Golf Club 4701 Plantation Lane, Frisco, Texas.

The Plano Community Forum is a non-profit community service organization. For more information call Barbara Simpkins at 972-964-0867 or Henry Bryant at 972-801-4108.

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lates to over 368,000 black men raising their children alone.

The media image of black men as fathers is not always flattering. The prevailing myth is black men are nothing more than absentee "sperm donors" who must be forced to pay child support. They also have no desire to be part of their children's lives. While this view accurately describes a number of black fathers, it is not an accurate view of the majority of black men who are fathers.

The statistics also indicate that black men are more willing than men from other races to raise children by themselves. Despite the fact that African-American men tend to be disadvantaged in terms of education, employment, and income compared to white men,

they are more likely to take on the monumental task of single parenting. A recent study found that 3.3 % of white children were in father-only families, compared with 5.6% of black children.

Mr. Carson spoke of his decision to become a single father and advice he would offer others. "Basically you have to ask yourself, do I want my kids to grow up in the system or do I want to raise them myself? Nobody is going to take care of your kids like you would," he said. "It is a lot of work-I work full time as a lab technician, take care of my kids and usher at my church. It takes a lot of patience to raise young kids and I have to deal with everything from homework, to discipline, to combing Jada's hair."

There also needs to be a strong spiritual foundation when raising kids alone.

Danny is an active member of the Inspiring Body of Christ Church.

"There was a time when I was a part-time Christian and started feeling like it was all too much. I was fighting with CCMS over qualifying for daycare, dealing with my brother's illness, (Mr. Carson is donating a kidney to his brother), and dealing with trying to get help from the kid's mother. There were times that I just wanted to give up."

"The teachings I receive at my church on Sundays, Mondays, and Men's Meeting on Fridays have helped me find the strength from God to keep going. I wouldn't make it without the church."

In spite of the difficulties, there are numerous benefits for single fathers raising their children. Recent studies reveal children without responsible fathers are more

likely to experience poverty, perform poorly in school, engage in criminal activity, and abuse drugs and alcohol. The National Center for Education Statistics found when fathers are involved in their children's education, including attending and volunteering at school meetings and children were more likely to get high grades, enjoy school, participate in extracurricular activities, and less likely to repeat a grade.

Black women have raised families by themselves since before Emancipation, and have successfully dealt with the associated obstacles. An increasing number of black men are now doing the same thing, and experiencing and overcoming the same obstacles. This Father's Day, we should recognize their efforts and realize that while what they are doing is extraordinary, it really shouldn't be surprising.

## Juneteenth Calendar of Events

### Dallas

**June 16, 2005**  
The Silent Souls Community Committee celebrate Juneteenth, 11:00 a.m. Community elders, children and stakeholders will gather at the 1911 burial ground, L. Butler Nelson Memorial Park, 2900 Hatcher Street, South Dallas, to honor the local history of our African American pioneers. Free and open to the general public.

### Denton

**June 17-19**  
2nd Annual Juneteenth Film Festival, honoring Actress Ruby Dee and Actor Jamie Foxx. Reception at African American Museum. After party at TelHelez. Film competition screenings. Special guests: Kiki Shepard, Obba Babatundé, Stanley Clarke, Brykah Badu, Kim Fields, Russell Hornsby and Sharon King. www.juneteenthfilmfestival.com, or 214.353.4445.

### June 18

The African American Museum Thirtieth Anniversary Gala Picnic and Juneteenth Blues and Jazz Festival at Fair Park. A day of fun, food, vendors and music. The family fun day in the park from noon until 5:00 pm. The 30th Anniversary Gala Picnic from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The Juneteenth Blues and Jazz Festival from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. For more information contact Jane Jones: 214.565.9026 ext 301.

**June 18-June 19**  
Sankofa Experience hosts an extravaganza for the Juneteenth weekend. 9455 Lancaster - Hutchins Road, Dallas. For more information call The Art of Change Institute of Cultural Arts: 214.372.3500 or e-mail: www.sankofa-experience.org.

### June 19

The Greater Love Family Church will have bouncers, pool for small children, basketball, readings of the meaning of Juneteenth, the spirit of Juneteenth, reading of Abraham Lincoln and gospel singing, and praying.

### June 20

The Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd, hosts an inspiration gospel concert celebration at 6:15 p.m. "You Getta Have Faith". Featuring Marvin Matthews with special guest Benita Atterberry-Burns, Denise Lee, Lis Mikel, Natalie King, William Blake and a Buddy Shabazz in a stunning musical extraction from their production of contemporary music. Corrian Guillory and Redeemed. For more information call 214.351.1901.

### Denton

**June 17**  
Gospel Extravaganza 6:30 p.m. - C.H. Collins Activity Stage in Fred Moore Park Live gospel music in the park.

### June 18

Juneteenth Parade- Check-in and lineup begins at the Civic Center parking lot, 321 E. McKinney at 9 a.m. The parade leaves the Civic Center at 10 a.m., winding its way through the southeast Denton neighborhood to Fred Moore Park. Prizes are awarded for the best entries. Juneteenth Celebration-11 a.m. - Fred Moore Park.

### Plano

**June 17 & 18**  
Douglas Community Center, 1111 Avenue H: Keeping the Dream in the Community. Two days of family fun, sports, live music, games and plenty of food! Starts Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday at 2 p.m. Call 972.941.7174 for details.

### June 19

Douglas Community Center, 1111 Avenue H. hosts a Juneteenth

Celebration, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Includes: oral histories, "Taste of Douglas", youth & adult leadership award, service project, and neighborhood. A pageant will take place following the celebration.

### Garland

**June 17**  
"NAACP Juneteenth Community Celebration Night," at 6:00 pm. An evening of relaxation and reflection sponsored by the NAACP Garland Branch, at the Cosmopolitan Bistro Restaurant, 620 W. Main Street, Suite 126 Garland. For more information call: 972.381.5044.

### June 18

The City Hosts Juneteenth Celebration, at the Gale Field Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Rd., Garland, 4 - 8 p.m. Entertainment includes the Garland Community Gospel Choir, Chill Factor Jazz Band, GSD sport teams, Free Throw Contest, bounce houses, face painting and more. Catering by Mr. B's Main Street Cafe. Credit by Wells Fargo; healthcare providers, the City of Garland, Carver Alumni Programs & Services, and other non-profits. Call Jodi Grigg: 972.205.3090 for more information.

### Fort Worth

**June 18**  
The 19th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Fort Worth City Hall, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm, 1000 Throckmorton Street. Theme: "Empowerment through Knowledge". William "Bill" Blair (Senior Publisher of the Elite News) is the keynote speaker. The Honorable Marc Vessey, State Representative-Elect, District 95, is the master of ceremonies. For more information contact Chairperson Carolyn Roberts at 817.871.5701.

### June 19

Breva Avenue Celebration committee celebrates development of historic Evans Avenue Plaza-an 11 hour

street celebration highlighting the rebirth of a once thriving African American community in Fort Worth. 10:00 am until 10 pm. on Evans Avenue from Rosedale Street to Terrell Avenue. Food, entertainment, vendors, children's area and historical storytelling by local residents. Free.

### Mesquite

**June 19**  
The Mesquite NAACP ACTSO presents "Juneteenth Talent Explosion" at 6:00 pm, at the East Field College Performance Hall, (Students 9th - 12th Competing for Cash Rewards - Entry Fee \$ 25.00). Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Door prizes & other entertainment. Tickets: \$5.00 Students \$7.00 Adults.

### Irving

**June 18**  
Juneteenth Celebration and Concert, 5 p.m. Concert features Gospel, Jazz Rhythm and Blues, African Drumming and more!! Playground Activities, Vendor Exhibits, Voter Registration Drive, and Catfish Dinner. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for concert seating. West Park Recreation Center, 530 Davis Dr.

### Desoto

**June 19**  
Cities of Desoto, Cedar Hill, Lancaster & Duncanville - Parade south on Hampton Road at 10 am ending at Desoto Town Center where festival will take place. A full day of food, gospel and R&B entertainment, a fashion show, watermelon eating and seed spitting contests, vendor booths. Children's activities include face painting, petting zoo, pony rides, bounce houses and more. Free Admission. Event is at Desoto Town Center, 211 East Pleasant Run Road.

## Around The Town

### Thurs July 10

5th Annual Art Connection Member's Exhibition Monday, June 13, 2005, Starts at 8:00 AM Main Gallery 3333 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75062. FREE Call 972-252-ARTS

### Thurs September 4

Dallas Art lovers - enjoy the many volumes of the renowned photographer, book author, filmmaker and classical music composer Gordon Parks. His extensive art exhibit making in last United States stop at the Dallas Museum of Art. Over 130 photographs shot by Parks between 1940 and 1997.

### June 17, 2005

Joint Chambers Luncheon with Kay Bailey Hutchison, The Allen, Frisco, McKinney, Plano, Richardson and Wylie Chambers of Commerce Luncheon. Senator Hutchinson will speak on what is happening in Wylie and the impact on Collin County. Admission is \$25 per person or \$350 for a table of 10. For more information contact Brad Shunklin at 972-424-7547. The location is Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, Plano, Texas 75074.

### June 16 & 25

Plano Repertory Theatre Summer Children's Series: Pinocchio ArtCentre Theatre, Avenue K @ 15th Street This ten-day performance is part of the PRT's 10th Annual Summer Children's Series. Pinocchio was written by Madge Miller. For showtimes, ticket prices, or to subscribe call 972-422-7460 or visit www.planorep.org.

### June 18

Dr. Paul Cheney, a leading researcher on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), will discuss treatment breakthroughs from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at the Irving Civic Center Complex, 825 W. Irving Blvd. Seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Videotapes of the seminar will be available. For information on how to order, go to www.virtualhometown.com/dwcfcds. For more information call 972-721-3623.

### June 19

Senior High Revelation Choir Tour, Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Center Road United Methodist Church. Admission is free. For more information contact Tim Morrison at 972-618-3450 or visit www.crcumc.org

### June 20

Music in the Park - A free concert will be performed by the Mesquite Symphony Band at Westlake Park, 600 Gross Road, at 7:15 p.m.

### June 30-31

The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department hosts "Wet, Wild & Wacky" camp at the City recreation centers for children ages 6-12. Kids will have fun in the sun, playing a variety of wacky water games. Come prepared daily with a swimsuit and a towel. Call 972-285-4145 or 972-278-7477 for more information.

### June 30 - July 1

ArtCentre of Plano presents the 3rd Annual Jump Start for Arts. Free program for children ages 8-12 years. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teaching four disciplines of the arts everyday, culminating in a visual display on July 1. Call 972-423-7809.

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## THE TRUTH CLINIC

### Why Should We Celebrate Juneteenth?

By: James W. Breddlove

Juneteenth is all about freedom. The joy of freedom. The God given right to freedom. The struggles for freedom. The vigilance to maintain freedom. The horrendous challenges that Blacks overcame for freedom.

Freedom was a long time coming for Blacks in Texas. But come it did – some two and a half years after President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation that officially freed the slaves on January 1, 1863.

The freedom notification reached Texas Blacks on June 19, 1865. The city was Galveston in a location currently at 22nd & Strand in the historical district.

Major General Gordon Granger of the Union army who had been dispatched to take command of the District of Texas delivered General Order #3 part of which stated:

"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 freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes and work for wages."

There were many black faces in the crowd that day listening to the news. When the General finished reading the proclamation Blacks alternately sang, danced and prayed. They heeded each other. There was much rejoicing and jubilation that their life long prayers had finally

been answered.

Freedom had finally come for the 250,000 slaves in Texas. We can only imagine the depth of their emotions. These feelings are best described in some of the words of people who were there as recorded in *The American Slave Texas Narratives*.

"I could hear de noise an' de yawn's 'r cannon from Galveston comin' up de stream when de win 'was blowin' from de south. I was 'bout seven year' ol' when freedom come. When freedom come de ol' missus tol' my mother, 'Well, Ca'line, you free. You kin go inter town an' hire out. You deman' yo' wages. Anyhow she didn' whip me no mo' an' she didn' whip me neither.'"

James Barber

"When freedom come, I didn't know what dat was at first. I rec'lec' Uncle Charley Burns what drive de buggy for Marster Charles, come runnin' out in de yard an' holler 'everybody free, everybody free', an' pretty soon some wjers come. An' lat me, dat's one time Marster Charles an' open his mouth, 'cause de Cap'n in tell him to shut up, dat he would de talkin'. Den de Cap'n say to slaves 'we come to let you know you is free an' you don't have to call nobody 'Marster' no more.'"

—Sarah Ford

From that beginning in 1865, annually, on June 19, in more than 200 cities in the United States Juneteenth is celebrated. It has come to symbolize for many African-Americans what the fourth of July symbolizes for all Americans – freedom. It serves as a historical milestone reminding Americans of the triumph of the human spirit over the cruel and inhumane institution of slavery.

In 1980, under the sponsorship of State Representative Al Edwards, Juneteenth became

an official Texas state holiday.

Ex-slaves entered freedom under the worst possible conditions. Most were turned loose penniless and homeless, with only the clothes on their back. Ex-slaves were, as Frederick Douglass said, "free, without roofs to cover them, or bread to eat, or land to cultivate, and as a consequence died in such numbers as to awaken the hope of their enemies that they would soon disappear."

Despite living under the most inhumane conditions known to humankind, blacks contributed everything from agricultural inventions, to medical breakthroughs, to music. Enslaved artisans crafted incredible sculptures, designed beautiful buildings and helped build a nation. Blacks preserved a culture and succeeded in passing down a legacy of music, language, food, religion and a lesson in survival.

As we are reminded about the horrors of the Jewish Holocaust in the German death camps during World War II many African-Americans are reminded of our own tragic history of slavery, the middle passage and the massacre of our people before and after the civil war.

"But, if this part of our history could be told in such a way that those chains of the past, those shackles that physically bound us together against our wills could, in the telling, become spiritual links that willingly bind us together now and into the future – then that painful Past could become, ironically, a positive connecting line for all of us..."

—Tom Feelings

Juneteenth should be celebrated because – FREEDOM IS ALWAYS WORTH CELEBRATING!

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## MON-The Gazette Salutes 2005 Graduates

The graduates of 2005, from kindergarten to university and trade schools, are to be congratulated on their success of passing from one milestone to another. They should also be encouraged to continue their pursuit of education to become the builders and architects of our community.

Much emphasis is placed on the rate of drop outs from high school, seemingly diminishing the efforts of those whose tenacity takes them to the finish line. Although dropout rates are alarmingly high, (Texas High School graduation rates: White 88.2%; African American 79.8%; Hispanic 75.7%), it's time to focus our collective energy on teaching students the importance of graduating.

The graduation ceremony is symbolic of the achievements and solidarity of the students. It's a celebration of things accomplished, and a period of excitement about

moving on to the next stage of life. Even kindergartners are excited about graduation day. With the growing wave of trouble in the public education system, we should all work to keep students excited and proud of every graduation in which they participate, and hopefully they will never want to stop learning.

Rather than focusing on the dropout rate, it makes far more sense to concentrate on those who do graduate, whether it's from pre-school, trade school or undergraduate school. For our community to continue building, it's a good time to see what keeps those students in school, and what excites them about graduating.

We are all well aware that minorities, and children from economically challenged neighborhoods are more likely to drop out of school than their counterparts. But there are many success stories of students from these backgrounds.

Ben Carson, M.D. is an

example of these success stories. He operates on more than 300 children every year at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

He is sought out around the world for his expertise in separating conjoined twins and conducting brain surgery to control seizures. He grew up in the inner cities of Detroit and Boston. He attributes his success to his (single) mother and others who expected the very best from him. He has said he is living proof that perseverance, prayer, and self-respect, combined with a devotion to acquiring knowledge, can overcome any obstacles in one's way.

Statistics show that grade retention causes a significantly higher high school drop out rate than those passed at each grade. A good step seems to be to encourage every student in

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benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. All or neither could be true. For whatever the reason, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory.

One of the General Granger's first orders of business 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. While many lingered to learn of this new employer to employee relationship, many left before these offers were completely off the lips of their former masters – attesting to the varying conditions on the plantations and the realization of freedom. Even with

nowhere to go, many felt that leaving the plantation would be their first grasp of freedom. 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. Settling into these new areas as free men and women brought on new realities and the challenges of establishing a heretofore nonexistent status for black people in America.

Recounting the memories of that great day in June of 1865 and its festivities would serve as motivation as well as a release from the growing pressures encountered in their new territory. The celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, for praying and for gathering remaining family members. Juneteenth continued to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date.

On January 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. Representative Edwards has since actively sought to spread the observance of Juneteenth all across America.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom 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 reflection and rejoicing. 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. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.

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they had no knowledge and get something for themselves. They were not about to continue to "work for their former masters for wages" they knew full well that that would mean.

The trick of emancipation has pervasively perpetuated itself in this country, especially in our children's textbooks, thus, it is incumbent upon us to learn as much as we can about what really happened and what the Proclamation was all about. It is also important for us to know the words of General Order Number 3, read by Major General Gordon Granger on that day in June 1865. Many of us celebrate Juneteenth but have no idea of the details of the celebration. (I first learned about it in 1985.)

We should know and teach our children that the Emancipation Proclamation did not free the slaves; approximately 800,000 slaves were not covered by the proclamation, and the rest were in states that had seceded from the Union, so those states simply ignored the Lincoln's order. The power of words is important, however, and even though the 13th Amendment was not ratified until December 1865, the brothers and sisters in Galveston heard loud and clear the words, "all slaves are free," and they took it from there.

One hundred and forty years later, we should ask ourselves, "What are we celebrating? Our ancestors celebrated physical freedom. Shouldn't our celebration be

about psychological freedom by now? Our brothers and sisters celebrated the right to leave and explore new lands and new opportunities. Is it not our obligation to celebrate ownership of income-producing assets and having realized the opportunities our parents and grandparents passed on to us? They celebrated life in its simplest form when their chains were broken. With all of our excess, are we celebrating their lives, their sacrifices, their pain and suffering on our behalf?

My call to you this year is as it has been for many years now. Celebrate the freedom of our ancestors with the understanding that they wanted to be free as well. Have we done our jobs the way they did theirs? Are we free if we continue to allow crooked, greedy politicians to use us as political pawns? Are we free if we continue to settle for the economic crumbs from the master's table in the form of parties, football games, concerts, and dysfunctional programs that only demonstrate and perpetuate our dysfunction?

Are we free if we continue to allow our brothers and sisters to be beaten down, shot down, and abused by racist police officers? Are we free if we continue to allow our children to be shot down by their peers, as we impatiently look on and do nothing but complain about it? Are we free if we allow drugs and guns free access into our neighborhoods? Are we free if we allow our children to be misled by teachers who only teach our children to grow up and

work for their children? Are we free when we settle for minority programs, pass-through contracts, and 20 percent allocations for sub-contractors, rather than development and control? Are we free if we allow our most heralded leaders, especially our supposed moral leaders, to trample after immoral acts and attach themselves to immoral people?

When you celebrate freedom this year, ask yourself, "Is it for real this time?" If it's not, commit to doing something to get your freedom. Gordon Granger died in 1876; he will not be returning with new general orders for our freedom. We must write our own general orders, and start our march, albeit very late, toward true freedom.

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

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

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

MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991 by Jim Bocham and Thurman R. Jones.





We fired up that grill like always. But today, something was different. We all gathered close, quietly watching the flame. The sound of the blues echoed from somewhere in the park. I looked around and saw my brother, my wife, our kids and their families, all together. And that's when it hit me. Really hit me. Here we are, one hundred forty years later, with me holding one more ray of hope in my arms.

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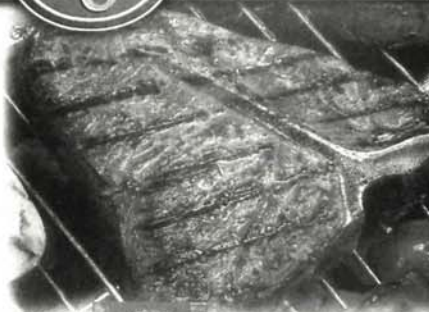
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The Coca-Cola Presents the 2005 Essence Music Festival's Empowerment Seminar Series will feature a lineup of renowned speakers, authors and national leaders, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center July 1-3 in New Orleans. Organizers hope it will serve as a daytime complement to the Festival's evening concerts at the Louisiana Superdome.

The magazine's editorial director Susan L. Taylor will host the entire series, which includes a gospel music celebration for festivalgoers. This year's theme "Claiming a Powerful Life" will provide three days of Empowerment including:

### Friday, July 1

"Embracing Our Brothers," hosted by nationally renowned playwright David Talbert. The New Voices of Gospel winner. Keynote address from Bishop Noel Jones, pastor of the City of Refuge Church in Gardena, CA. Author and activist Kevin Powell will address "The State of Black Men in America."

"Black Men Speak Their Hearts," with panelists Reverend Conrad Tillard, interim pastor of the Eliot Congregational Church of

Roxbury in Boston; Dr. Carl Bell, author, president and CEO of Community Mental Health Council and choreographer Darrin Henson; and New Orleans radio personality Guy Black will serve as moderator. Dr. Cornel West, Princeton professor, theologian, activist and author will deliver a keynote address.

David Talbert will present an original play that will highlight Essence's year-long Take Back the Music Campaign, featuring actress Lyn Talbert and actors Mel Jackson, Chico Benymon, and Buddy Lewis. Introduction by Michaela Angela Davis, ESSENCE executive fashion and beauty editor and a Take Back the Music committee member. Musical performance by Gospel artist Micah Stampley.

### Saturday, July 2

"Celebrating Ourselves: Love, Money and Community," hosted by minister and author Reverend Marcia L. Dyson. A fitness workout with actress, and lifestyle adjustment coach A.J. Johnson of the A.J. Zone.

"Building Wealth" Introduction by author Dr.

Dennis Kimbro, panelists include: entrepreneur who became a millionaire by 15 years-old, Farrah Gray; financial counselor Glinda Bridgforth; ESSENCE senior writer Audrey Edwards; and ESSENCE finance and careers editor Lena Sherrod



Iyanla Vanzant

will serve as the moderator. Musical performance by mother-and-daughter gospel duo Karen Clark Sheard and Kierra "Kiki" Sheard.

"Reflections" Novelist Bebe Moore Campbell reflects on life and love.

"Women in Love and Empowered," the Festival's most popular seminar, will examine relationships with significant others and will feature: comedienne Mo'Nique; author Dr. Julie Hare; author and Professor of American Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz Dr. Tricia Rose;

hip-hop artist Mia X; ESSENCE contributing writer, Kristal Brent Zook; boxing champion Laila Ali; and author and public relations expert Terrie Williams will serve as moderator. Iyanla Vanzant will deliver an inspirational message.

### Sunday, July 3

"Spirit on High," hosted by Reverend Andriette Earl. Elder Debra Morton, co-pastor of the Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church in New Orleans and the Greater St. Stephen Choir will offer worship service. Inspirational message from Pastor Paula White, co-pastor of Without Walls International Church. Musical performance by Gospel sensation Kim Burrell. Earvin "Magic" Johnson will offer a testimonial. Keynote address from Michael Eric Dyson, minister, author and commentator.

The Convention Center is also home to the Essence Marketplace, which presents artists from around the country displaying an array of arts and crafts reflecting black culture. There will also be an offering of the city's famous cuisine, along with sponsor activities, festival souvenirs and a book fair with author signings

## Celebrating 20 Years of Service "TES"

Plano-based Telecom Electric Supply Company is celebrating 20 years of excellence in service this year, with an anniversary celebration on Thursday, June 23, 2005.

Telecom is owned and operated by Fred Moses, one of MON-The Gazette's board members, and they proudly say "We go the extra mile." The company supplies everything from light bulbs and batteries, to fiber optic cables and safety products. They also have an extensive web site: [www.tes.com](http://www.tes.com).

The 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held at their headquarters: 1304 Capital Avenue, Plano. It will begin with a tour of the facility, followed by lunch and a celebration. For more information and to RSVP, please call 972.422.0012, ext 102 or 129.

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For more information contact Martha Reynolds at 972-381-1311 or via email at [Martha.Reynolds@Plonka.com](mailto:Martha.Reynolds@Plonka.com). Register for the seminar at [www.plonka.com](http://www.plonka.com).

## ACS wins \$10M contract with UNCF

Affiliated Computer Services Inc. has won a \$10 million information technology outsourcing contract with the United Negro College Fund, the nation's oldest minority higher education assistance organization.

Under the terms of the contract, the Dallas-based information technology and business process outsourcing company will provide the UNCF with data center operations, server management, network services support, security monitoring, help desk support, application management and software development.

## EDS wins \$48M Medicaid contract

Electronic Data Systems Corp. on Wednesday said it has won a \$48 million contract to develop and implement a new Medicaid management information system for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Plano-based technology company said that under the terms of the seven-year contract, EDS will provide the core technology platform for Medicaid and other human services programs statewide.

EDS (NYSE:EDS) will replace the current state-operated Medicaid system with another application that will include identity management and electronic payments. The new system will support the consolidation of health records,

allow the implementation of new program controls and provide the flexibility to create new programs.

The Massachusetts Medicaid win is EDS' second Medicaid award in the state this year. In April EDS won a \$24 million contract with Maximus, a government services company that provides program management, consulting and information technology services.

EDS' Medicaid and Medicare process management services administer more than \$100 billion in benefits each year. EDS processes more than 1 billion Medicaid claims annually, and is the fiscal agent for 18 states.

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### Practical Advice for College-bound Graduates

High school seniors have spent the past few weeks wrapping up a final semester of studying for the SAT, picking what to wear to the prom and deciding on what college to attend, but even more critical choices await them as they embark on their college careers.

More than 150 upper-classmen and recent graduates responded to a survey and explained their biggest decisions. Here are four of the more practical tips:

#### 1. Don't Sit Still for A Moment.

Take advantage of everything college has to offer, from culture, to academics, to extracurricular opportunities. "I have had more learning experiences, made better friends, and had more fun in club activities than any other college activity," says Selena Moshell (Rollins College, Class of 2005).

#### 2. Break Out of Your Comfort Zone.

Students repeatedly returned to this theme. Ginger Ruskamp (Creighton University, Class of 2005), for example, spent a summer studying in Britain and found it enriching beyond her dreams. "Getting outside of your comfort zone once in a while increases personal growth," she says.

#### 3. Take on Big Challenges.

Bowling Green State University student Brittany Barhite (Class of 2005) already had a crowded calendar when she had the chance to join her college's programming board. "I went for it and it was the best decision I made," says Brittany. "Not only did it allow me to meet some great friends and lead-

ers, but it made me change my mind about what I wanted to do with the rest of my life."

#### 4. Treat College as a Privilege, not a right.

Ben Starsky (Arizona State University, Class of 2007) immediately loved college life

so much that he decided to put academics first, if for no other reason than to ensure he'd be able to return for four years. "I quickly realized that without some discipline, will-power and maybe a little luck, that it's not possible to succeed," he says.

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A message from Pastor/Teacher  
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## 2005 Dallas Juneteenth Film Festival To Honor Legendary Actress Ruby Dee

DALLAS— Adding to her many honors in a 60-year career on the artistic and political stage, the legendary actress Ruby Dee will be recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Film Festival (JFF) in Dallas, Texas on Saturday, June 18, 2005.

Building on the success of its 2004 premiere, the second Juneteenth Film Festival (JFF) will be held June 17 - 19, 2005 at the African American Museum, South Dallas Cultural Center and The Black Academy of Arts and Letters ("TBAAL") in downtown Dallas.

Attorney/Entrepreneur Kennedy Barnes, co-founder and chairman of the Juneteenth Film Festival Foundation, Inc., stated "There is an incredible ener-

gy in Dallas that has propelled this festival to unparalleled success in a very short time, and we are very excited about 2005 and the opportunity to honor such extraordinary artists like Ruby Dee and her late husband Ossie Davis."

Barnes and co-founder Geoffrey L. Garfield, an award-winning film producer of "Keep the Faith, Baby" (Showtime/Paramount), organized the festival showcase for African-American filmmakers during the "Juneteenth" (June 19th) Texas (and Missouri) state holiday to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation's freeing of enslaved blacks on January 1, 1863. The 250,000 Texas slaves did not learn of their freedom until 2... years later from federal troops in Galveston (June 19, 1865), thus the annual

summer celebration. Award-winning TBAAL founder Curtis King will produce the Awards Show & Tribute, a black-tie event co-

presented by the Dallas/Fort Worth area chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a service-based organization of which Ms. Dee is a member. Ms. Dee will accept JFF's Lifetime Achievement Award for her stellar screen performances, civil rights leadership and the cinematic high standards set by her and her late husband, screen legend Ossie Davis, who passed away on February 4, 2005.

Numerous celebrities from the inaugural 2004 Festival,

including actress Sheryl Lee Ralph, celebrity host Kiki Shepard, jazz and film composer Stanley Clarke, actors Russell Hornsby and Harry

Lennix, are expected to return for encore workshops and industry discussions. In addition, Chicago-based casting director Sharon King ("Spider-Man 2", "Barbershop") will conduct a workshop for aspiring actors and filmmakers.

JFF's events will center on cinematic works featuring African-American themes, principal actors and/or directors to be screened in consideration for "Best Film" and other award categories. Nationally renowned artist

David Newton's coveted "Junie" sculpture will be presented for top awards in the competition.

The film submission deadline is May 15, 2005 - only DVD format is accepted accompanied by a \$25 registration fee. Filmmakers and attendees can register at the festival's website at [www.juneteenthfilmfestival.com](http://www.juneteenthfilmfestival.com).

The Junie Awards will be presented on Saturday, June 18th in TBAAL's Naomi Bruton Auditorium. Tickets to the Juneteenth Film Festival Awards & Tribute Show will be available through Ticketmaster. Prices are \$32 for orchestra level seating and \$26 for mezzanine level seats. Tickets to the JFF screenings and workshops (\$5 and \$20 respectively) will be available at the door and online. Theater and work-

shop tickets are limited.

The Juneteenth Film Festival Foundation, Inc. is a tax-exempt charitable organization whose mission is to organize and implement film festivals and cultural events in celebration of diversity, encourage and promote artistic expression through original works of film and new media; promote an awareness and appreciation of the history and experience of Juneteenth and the cause of freedom and human dignity throughout Texas and the United States; and to provide educational scholarships and grants in furtherance of the mission and goals of the foundation. For more information please visit [www.juneteenthfilmfestival.com](http://www.juneteenthfilmfestival.com) or call (214) 353-4445 for event and schedule updates.



## COZ Recording Group 214 And Fashion Designer Montee Holland Headline "A Unique Night Of Fashion"

Dallas, TX..... ShonDanz Entertainment presents... "A Unique Night Of Fashion." The one-of-a-kind fashion extravaganza will take place July 9, 2005 at 7:00p.m., at the historic Majestic Theatre in downtown Dallas. This premier event will feature COZ Records recording group 214, along with world-renowned fashion designer Montee Holland, who will appear with his company of internationally known professional models, including model Christian Keyes, who has graced the pages of such well-known publications as Ebony and Jet Magazines.

Performing poet, and author of the best-selling books "He Had It Coming," "When All Hell Breaks Loose" and "Cubicles," Camika Spenser (aka Emotion Brown), will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Combining spoken word, drama, music and fashion, "A Unique Night of Fashion" has been conceptualized to take the entertainment and fashion scene in Dallas/Fort Worth to the next level. Going beyond the realm of the average, this sophisticated and elegant affair will leave audiences wanting more.

The evening will also include a \$200.00 merchandise giveaway sponsored by G Money Fashions and the Tayion Collection.

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A portion of all proceeds will be donated to Diffa of Dallas, an AIDS Organization that serves those in the D/FW Metroplex that are living with HIV/AIDS.

ShonDanz Entertainment, Dallas' newest and most innovative promotional force, has chosen, for its debut event, to bring to the city DFW/Metroplex, the highest level of fashion and entertainment. With a mission to elevate the conscience of Dallas' social scene by offering thought-provoking and creative services ranging from event planning and promotions to graphic design, ShonDanz is determined to highlight the best and brightest in the African American community.

A four man group hailing from Dallas, TX., - 214's influences include H-Town, Boyz to Men, UGK, and Nelly. 214 continues to blow away the competition with ease and skill. They never fail to leave crowds in awe of their precision choreography, and their very own brand of R&B laced with Southern Hip Hop. After winning several key competitions, they gained the

attention of label owners, Rocket and Melani Ismail, who signed the group to their label, COZ Records. They are featured artists on The King J Mixtape, which has produced his like, "Karma" and "NO". They are currently promoting their hot new single, "Crunk Texas", and doing shows across the country.

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With BS and MS degrees in education, Motor City native and Marine Corps veteran, Montee Holland chose fashion because of his experience, lifestyle and pure love for the industry. The Tayion Collection, his signature label, has been recognized from Detroit to Japan. Holland has designed pieces for such noted celebrities as Steve Harvey, among others. As a result, Tayion is in demand on runways across the country. Accessibility is a unique and

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"A Unique Night of Fashion" promises to be the most talked about event of the summer season.

The Majestic Theatre is located at 1925 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75201.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or any Ticketmaster outlet. Tickets may also be purchased at the Majestic Theatre.

For further information, contact LaShawn Vinhook-Caldwell at 214.316.2526. Email: [lsvinhook@aol.com](mailto:lsvinhook@aol.com), or Danielle Roberson at 214.684.8528. Email: [thelifeofdannie@yahoo.com](mailto:thelifeofdannie@yahoo.com).

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## DBDT celebrates Juneteenth all around the city of Dallas by participating in two festivities June 18-19, 2005.

In conjunction with the Juneteenth Black Film Festival held at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Saturday, June 18, members of the illustrious dance company will perform on the program, which honors the work of Ruby Dee and her late husband Ossie Davis and Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx. For tickets call (214) 353-4445.

Sunday, June 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the

Hall of State in Fair Park, DBDT will offer two works commemorating the spirit of this annual observance. Sponsored by The Dallas Historical Society, this celebration includes the reading of the "General Order Number 3"—the Emancipation Proclamation freeing 250,000 slaves in Texas, two and one-half years after President Lincoln's announcement.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre

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Students who are accepted into the program enjoy an early taste of academic life at SMU. While enjoying the closeness and convenience of studying at Collin, dual admissions students receive tickets to SMU sporting events, lectures and plays. They also have access to SMU libraries.

According to the agreement with SMU, Collin students are encouraged to apply as early as possible during their first two years of college, and then—provided they meet certain

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For more information, please contact Stephanie Hanson, Collin's coordinator of transfer programs, at 972-985-3734, or call SMU at 214-768-2058 and ask for transfer admissions.

### Salute to 85th Grade Page 1

every grade to graduate to the next level. This can only be successfully achieved through a solid partnership of the teacher, principal, and parent or guardian.

When looking for a college or university, consideration is given to the teaching staff and diversity of courses before a choice is made. This should be true at all levels of education. If we truly want our children to graduate, par-

ents should be allowed to transfer their child to a school that can be effective in helping the child. If a school isn't working for a student, whether it's a teacher unwilling to work through difficulties with a student or lack of funding causing less opportunities, a parent should have the right to move the student to the school best equipped to meet the needs of their child. Allowing the 'No Child Left Behind' act allows for transfers, it is only in exten-

sive circumstances, such as bullying, and not for the educational and emotional enhancement of our students.

Not all students are the same. But they do have the same goal in mind—graduation. By seeking the greater good in our students, they in turn will seek the greater good in our community, and hopefully will return with the education and skills to be productive, no matter what community they choose.

### Important Fathers Page 1

For daughters, Daddy is the first man they adore... the first man whose eyes shine with overwhelming amazement when they look at us. He is the first man to fall in love with us.

For sons, Daddy is the idol they first aspire to emulate... their mirror image of what will be and possibly the only man they will ever feel comfortable loving.

Daddy is the first man who held us, as a loving parent, with a lump in his throat so huge, only the joy of that love could erase the overwhelming pain of

choking on unexpected raw emotion. I think when a father holds his newborn baby, he is touched by pure vulnerability for the first time in his adult life, leaving him forever humbled by the unexplained miracles of life.

For mothers, the father of our children is the one person we can trust to watch over our babies as closely as we would. We are secure in the knowledge of their love for our precious offspring. Dad is the only other person in the world as fascinated with every nuance and murmur of our babies. He is the one person on the planet with whom

we can indulge our need to brag and carry on about our kid's accomplishments and heartaches ad nauseum... one who will be just as interested and never yawn in the face of our devotion.

Without dads, we wouldn't be moms. I would like to take the liberty of thanking them from all our hearts for this honor and for being our partners in this business of raising children.

Know how much you are loved and revered, guys! You are our trusted soldiers and we need you more than you will ever realize.

### Joining the Party Page 1

years. During this period, the appraised value in Collin County has risen over 400%. Maun points out, "the biggest percentage of your tax dollars go to the school system, yet as recent news headlines point out, more money is needed for schools statewide." He additionally shared that state or local programs are funded primarily through three taxes: sales tax, property tax and gas tax (tax on production).

Due to the absence of a state income tax, the state legislature relies heavily on a sales tax system. However, Maun feels there is an 800-pound gorilla in the room no elected officials want to discuss. The state needs more money for the school system, and at the same time they are suggesting cutting property tax rates. "My guess is in three legislative sessions from now we will have a state income tax," he said.

Maun's staff is charged with seeing property for unpaid taxes—and has seen increased activity with small businesses. Many club members are small business owners and Maun stressed the importance of filing correct information regarding the value of the business' real property. The appraisal's office is understaffed and if the business owners do not file the proper paperwork, a rendition (an erroneous value) is assigned.

Maun stated, "I have gone out personally to seize property," only to discover the estimated value of \$100,000 is greatly overstated because they have very little equipment. A recent trip to a nail salon recovered only secretary chairs. Maun's staff is creating an education program to inform business owners the importance of filing the required rendition by April of each year. "It works in your favor. I want to take your money for taxes, but only what is rightfully owed." For more information contact the Tax Assessor office at (972) 447-5020.

Club President Moses promised the members information, elected speakers serving in Collin County at upcoming club meetings. Candidates for the upcoming March primary will also be invited to share their vision to the club in the coming months.

Moses is not daunted by the perception that African Americans and Republicans do not have a mutual desire to work together. "African Americans traditionally associate with Democrats, but more and more are attracted by

the basic principles of the Republican Party." Although the club currently has a relatively small membership, Moses estimates several hundred Collin County African-Americans voted for Republican candidates in the 2004 election. He feels the first step is identifying those voters. The club was created because, "we needed a vehicle to show that the Republican Party is trying to encourage us to get more involved," according to Moses. "We need to educate the community about the important role African-Americans have played

in building the party in Texas." The local Republican Party has been very supportive of the club, allowing the organization to use the Collin County Republican headquarters located at 2520 Avenue K, Plano, Texas, for monthly meetings. Although the club decided to not meet in July, they will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00 p.m. To obtain information about the organization, contact President Fred Moses at (972) 422-0012 extension 109, or Arthur Young, Vice-President of Membership at (972) 578-9768.

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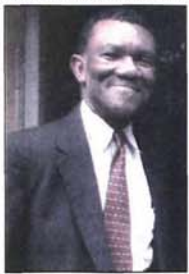
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This week I will delay the High School graduates until my next column to pay a special tribute to a "father" in the true sense of the word. Father's Day is this Sunday, June 19, 2005 and the type of "father" that I am talking about is one that God ordained and honors. There are many "fathers" that are or were God fearing and attempts to or tried to be the man that has or had compassion and humility. My choice is simply a reflection that I am using to represent all fathers that are God fearing, a praying father that loves his family unconditional, a good man at home, in his community, at his workplace, in his church, and around his friends and neighbors at all times. I personally know that my father, Mr. Lloyd David Demus, and my grandfathers, Mr. James Baker and Deacon David N. Demus were Godly fathers. I believe I didn't personally know them because their values were passed down to their heirs, my great grandfathers, Evangelist Nicholas Demus and Mr. Wiley Baker were fathers that God honored for their faithfulness to Him.

Mr. Eugene H. Tinner is the father that I am honoring; and I want to thank him for being a great friend to me for over 35 years. I affectionally call him "Father." I started this because with six children, he treated me like a personal member of his family, uncon-

## "Secret To Happiness"

ditionally. But through the years, I have witnessed him being a great husband and father. He is a long-time faithful Deacon (over 40 years) at First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park where Dr. Gregory Foster is the Senior Pastor. He has been married to



**Picture of the Week**  
Mr. Eugene H. Tinner

Mrs. Euphemia (Phemia) Clement Tinner for over 57 years; and they have lived in the Hamilton Park Community for over 50 years. The Tinner's have six adult children: Beverly, Renee, Rebecca, Regina, Reginald, and Wilford. They are the proud grandparents of eight: Naarah, Jordan, Joshua, Lee Ann, Ebony, Jared, Leah, and Joseph.

Mr. Tinner, through the years has been a member of the Hamilton Park Civic League, serving in many positions on the Executive Board; he has been a role-model Boy Scout Leader for the younger boys in

the community. He retired in 1987 from Eastman Kodak after maintaining a perfect attendance for 38 years (tardy only once during a snowstorm). He left home two hours early and was only thirty minutes late that day.

It is my belief that Mr. Tinner has found the:

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1) I have witnessed him; 2) Trust God in the face of adversity; 3) Forgive the unpleasant things that come into his life; 4) Apologize if he believes that he has offended someone; he believes that a sincere apology is the superglue of life; 5) Admit an error; and do his best to learn from it; 6) Listen to advice; and ask God to help him make the right decision; 7) Keep his temper (God said to be ye angry and sin not); 8) Shoulder the blame; 9) Make the best of things; 10) Maintain high standards; 11) Think first and act accordingly; 12) Put the needs of his family and others before his own; 13) Forgive and forgive some more; 14) Pray without ceasing for family, friends, his church members, leaders of his church and leaders of our country.

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

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Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of James, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

## Church Happenings

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**DESTINY AND PURPOSE MINISTRIES**  
June 25, 6:00 pm  
Come and enjoy our 2005 Holy Hip Hop Concertation at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Street Road in Dallas. For ticket prices and more information, please call 214-641-8535

**Destiny & Purpose Ministries**  
Minister Carolyn Robinson, Founder  
P.O. Box 765222  
Dallas, TX 75376  
214-641-8535

### FAITH & POWER MINISTRIES

June 24 & 25, 7:30 pm  
The public is welcome to join us as we celebrate our Pastor's & Wife's 11th Anniversary Service.

June 26, 6:00 pm  
Join us for the conclusion of our Pastor's and Wife's 11th Anniversary Service. For more information contact @ 972-329-1358

**Faith and Power Ministries**  
Apostle James Turknett, Overseer  
2120 North St. Augustine Road, #126  
Dallas, TX 75227  
972-329-1358

### GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST (GACOC)

June 17 - 19, 2005  
We will have our Youth Gospel Meeting

June 26 - 30, 2005  
Our National Crusade For Christ meeting will be held next week; come and join us. For more information on the above events, please call the church @ 972-644-2335

Greenville Avenue C of C  
Brother S.T.W. Gibbs, III  
1013 S. Greenville Avenue  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-644-2335

### KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

June 26 - 22, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Our Vacation Bible School 2005 will present "Extreme Makeover Church Edition," featuring "Team Impact." After three days of spiritual rebuilding we will: "Move the Bus" to reveal our "Extreme Spiritual Makeover." The public is welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Carolyn Starks @ 972-735-8077.

Keller Springs BC  
Rev. Larry Sanders, Senior Pastor  
3227 Keller Spring Road  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
972-735-8077

### MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday  
After our 11:00 am Service, we have a blood pressure screening that is available to all.

Mesquite Friendship BC  
Rev. Terry Turner, Pastor  
2232 Franklin Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
972-329-5030

**NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK**  
Saturday, June 18, 2005  
End-of-the-Year School Recognition Reception.  
June 26, 3:30 pm  
Church Outing with Christian Believer's Church and Pastor George Riley

New Life Fellowship Church  
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr.  
Senior Pastor  
8219 Bunche Drive  
Dallas, TX 75243  
972-671-1096

### NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

Our Operating Mentor Program  
Operating Oasis sponsors a program that assists youth that are at-risk, and ex-offenders returning to society. The program's goals are to change lives of the formerly incarcerated person, to increase safety, and to spiritually fortify our communities.

For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-370-0asis (376-2747)

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson  
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor  
1010-1020 South Sherman Street  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-437-3493

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## Church Directory

**NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**  
"A Spiritual Oasis for a Thirsty World" Isaiah 55:1  
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:  
8:00 am • 9:30 am • 11:30 am  
972-437-3493  
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor  
1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081  
www.ndcbf.org

**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  
A Praying Church Family  
"Watchmen on the Walls"  
214-341-6459 (Phone) • 214-342-8403 (Fax)  
9550 Shepard Road  
Dallas, TX 75243  
www.nmzb.org (Website) • newmzb@aol.com (Email)

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY**  
The Equipping Church, "Serving Together To Transform Lives"  
Sunday Service Times  
9:00 am - Corporate Prayer  
9:30 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Morning Worship  
Wednesday Night  
7:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting,  
Bible Study, & Mid-Week Service  
11:00 am - Morning Worship  
2nd and 4th Tuesday: 7:30 pm - Family Night  
526 Compton Avenue • Irving, TX 75061  
972-986-5552  
1-866-9-Outreach (Prayer Line)  
Email: equippingchurch@sbcglobal.net

**St. Andrew Church of God in Christ**  
Supt. Kenneth D. Davis, Pastor  
608 Lake Street • Denton, TX 76205  
940-243-3797 (Metro)  
www.standrewchurch.org  
"Building to Reach...Reaching to Change...Changing to Impact"  
Worship Celebrations  
1st & 3rd Sundays: 8:30 am - 10:30 am  
Every Sunday: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Sunday School: 9:30 am - 10:30 am  
Evening Worship: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:15 pm  
Youth Bible Study: 7:30 pm  
Friday Intercessory Prayer  
Early Morning: 6:00 am to 7:00 am  
Evening: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
St. Luke A.M.E. Church (aka - SLAME)  
"Where we slam dunk the devil and serve up Jesus"  
521 W. Avenue E Garland, TX 75040 972-487-9703  
Email: slamechurch@aol.com  
Sunday  
8:45 a.m. Church School  
9:45 a.m. Prayer & Worship  
10:15 a.m. Worship & Exposition  
Tuesday  
7:15 p.m. Bible Study  
Wednesday  
8:30 p.m. Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Church School  
Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor

**Friendship Baptist Church**  
Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor  
Schedule of Services:  
Sunday  
Early Morning Worship  
8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes  
9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and  
Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
4396 Main Street  
The Colony, Texas 75056  
(972) 625-8186  
website: www.fbc-online.net  
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**Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church**  
920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX  
Pastor Ishai 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

**The St. John Experience**  
St. John Baptist Church  
1701 W. Jefferson St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75051  
2805 Market Loop, Suite 300, Southlake, Texas 76092  
Denny D. Davis, Servant  
One Church - Two Locations  
Four Ministries Worship Services  
7:00 A.M. • 9:00 A.M. • 10:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

**DayStar Deliverance Ministries**  
Our Services:  
Sunday  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Midday Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.  
Service: 7:30 p.m.  
Sponsored by:  
The Touch Ministry • Women in Transition (WIT)  
Website: www.thetouchministry.com • Phone: 972-769-8826  
Southfork Hotel • 1600 N. Central Expressway • Plano, TX

**Mt. Olive Church of Plano**  
740 Avenue F Plano, TX 75074 972-633-5511  
WWW.MOCOP.ORG  
Serving the Plano Community for 12 Years  
Sunday Worship .... 8 am & 11 am  
Wednesday Night .... 7:15 pm  
Call Pastor Sam  
LIVE ON: "Vision & Truth"  
Radio Broadcast: KWRD 100.7 FM Sundays 9pm-10pm  
HEAR PASTOR SAM DAILY ON: "TRUTH MADE SIMPLE"  
KGGR 1040AM MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:25-10:30 AM



**Faith-Based Grant Page 1**  
In every six child-care centers is housed in a religious facility. In fact, the Nation's largest "chains" of child-care services are not commercially owned, but rather operated by the Roman Catholic Church and the Southern Baptist Convention. The number of centers in religious facilities is growing faster than the total number of centers. In addition, religiously affiliated centers received more than \$45 billion in 1998 from Medicare, Medicaid, and other government funding programs. These statistics show that the use of government money by faith-based organizations is not new.

Despite this long-standing tradition, there are still a lot of questions surrounding faith-based organizations and their funding by government money.

What kinds of grants are available from the Federal government?

The Federal government uses two kinds of grants:

Grants handed out by an agency of the Federal government (also known as "discretionary" grants) - for instance, a homeless assistance grant given out by the Department of Health and Human Services to a homeless shelter.

Grants that put Federal money in the hands of States, cities, or counties for them to distribute to charities and other social service providers, usually under their own rules and regulations (also known as "formula" or "block" grants).

Therefore, you can apply directly to the Federal government or you can apply for funds to an entity that distributes money it receives from the Federal government.

How can my organization find out about Federal grants?

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has prepared a list of general information about more than 100 programs operated by the Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Education and the Agency for International Development. The list - which is available in the brochure Federal Funding Opportunities for Organizations that Help Those in Need and at [www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov) - includes programs from these agencies that are of interest to small, grassroots groups. Use this list as a starting point to find about opportunities that may interest you.

Once you find a program that interests you, you can get more information about when and how you can apply for funds from the agency contact in the listing. You can also use the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, or CFDA, as a resource. To use the CFDA, locate

the CFDA number from the information provided in the list in Federal Funding Opportunities for Organizations that Help Those in Need. Enter that number into the "program number" box on the CFDA's web site at <http://www.cfda.gov/publications.htm>.

How do I go about applying for a Federal grant?

All Federal grants must be announced to the public. These announcements (sometimes called a "Program Announcement," "Request for Proposal," "Notice of Funding Availability," or "Solicitation for Grant Applications") are the Federal government's way of looking for charities and other groups to provide a Federally-funded service.

Each grant announcement will contain instructions on how to apply, including where to get an application packet, information the application should contain, the date the application is due, and agency contact information.

Grant announcements are issued throughout the year. Unfortunately, there is no single document that contains every Federal grant announcement and no uniform format for these announcements, although the Administration is working to change this. In the future, it hopes that Federal agencies will publish grant announcements electronically, in a single format and on a single web site ([www.fedinfo.gov](http://www.fedinfo.gov)).

Currently, most grant announcements are listed in the Federal Register, a daily publication that can be accessed on the Internet (<http://www.gpo.gov/edoc/cfr/cfr.html>) and at major public libraries.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance ([www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov)) also contains information about grant announcements. In addition, agency web sites contain information on funding opportunities. In particular, faith-based and community groups should check for information on the web site for the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives ([www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov)), as well as on the web sites for the agency Centers.

Many States and cities also have liaisons that can help faith-based and community applicants identify grant opportunities.

We are a small organization and we can't afford to hire a grant writer, accountant, and lawyer to help us seek a Federal grant. Is there any help for us?

Most Federal agencies have experts who are available to help organizations apply for and manage their grants. Applicants may call the official identified in the grant announcement or contact an agency's regional office. These agency staff are available to answer

questions over the phone. They may also refer applicants to local or nearby technical assistance workshops or to organizations that are under contract with the Federal government to provide this kind of assistance.

Assistance may also be available from one of the over thirty organizations funded by the Department of Health and Human Services' Compassion Capital Fund. You can learn about the Compassion Capital Fund and the organizations it funds at [www.hhs.gov/ocfi](http://www.hhs.gov/ocfi).

Is there any money specifically set aside for faith-based organizations?

No. While there are small programs like the Compassion Capital Fund that are designed to help faith-based and community groups with the challenges they face, the Federal government does not set aside funds specifically for those groups. However, each year hundreds of millions of dollars go to religious charities and grassroots groups to provide vital Federal services for the poor. The government does not ask, "Does your organization believe in God?" It asks, "Does your program work? Does it meet the specific requirements of the grant? Is it turning people's lives around? Is it accountable for the money it receives?"

What if I apply for a Federal grant, but my request is turned down?

There is no guarantee you will receive a grant if you apply. However, if you do not receive a grant, you should try to find out why you did not receive funding and how you could improve a future application. You can follow up with the program officer identified in the announcement. This individual will either be able to provide you with information about your application, or point you to the right person to contact. In addition, you may even be able to obtain written comments on your proposal, which could be a good learning tool.

Remember that many, many organizations compete for Federal funds, and many groups apply several times before they receive an award. Getting feedback on your application can help you improve your chances of receiving funds the next time around.

## Church Happenings

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#### PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

June 19, 8:00 am and 10:45 am

Brotherhood Annual Day

June 20-24, 2005

National Sunday School & Youth Convention in New Orleans, LA

June 26, 3:30 pm

Our Annual Combined Mission Day

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

Dr. Curtis W. Wallace,

Senior Pastor

1819 North Washington Avenue

Dallas, TX 75204

214-823-7308

#### RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

New through June 2005

We are currently collecting shoes to ship to a village in Africa, please help us in putting shoes on the feet of the village people, bring needed comfort to their feet, and bring smiles on their faces. If you have any shoes to donate, please drop them off at the church, 3801 Avenue K in Plano, TX 75074, three blocks south of Spring Creek @ Avenue K.

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Please join us and bring a friend as we study Women of the Word in our Truth on Tuesday Bible Study Night.

Rhema Life Fellowship Church

Reverend James W. Thomas,

Pastor

3801 Avenue K

Plano, TX 75074

469-467-7575

#### SAINT MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Night, June 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

"Family Style Ramblin' Road Trip" is the theme for our 2005

City-Wide Vacation Bible School being held @ Fanny

Finch Elementary School, 1205 South Tennessee in McKinney,

TX. Transportation Available—

Parental consent/permission required and pre-registration encouraged to ride.

Start packing for this FREE, fun, and exciting Road Trip!

For more information and enrollment forms, please call

972-542-6178

Saint Mark MBC

Rev. Charles Wattley, Pastor

1308 Wilcox Street

McKinney, TX 75069

972-542-6178

#### SHILOH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, MELISSA, TX

June 17, 7:30 pm

Shiloh COGIC will host an

Auxiliaries in Ministry

Conference; please join us for

worship, fellowship and teaching.

For hotel and more information,

contact the 2005 AIM's

Committee @ 972-838-9377

Shiloh COGIC

Elder Paul F. Jackson, Pastor

1707 Harrison Street

Melissa, TX 75454

972-562-4135

#### ST. LUKE AME CHURCH (aka - SLAME)

This Saturday, June 18, 4:00 pm

SLAME's Little Voices of

Praise Puppet Ministry in

Concert. The public is invited to

join us for this soul-stirring concert.

June 21 - 24, 7:15 pm Nightly

Vacation Bible School for

summer fun. The public is

welcomed.

For more information,

please contact the Church

Administrator, RaQuell Thirddill.

Send your church announcements to

religion@monthgazzette.com or fax to 972-516-4197 c/o

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Rnora@aol.com

Mondays, 7:00 pm

Monday School with Holy

Spirit Bible Teachings

The Inspiring Body of

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7710 South Westmoreland

Dallas, TX 75237

972-572-IBOC (4262)

### TRINITY PRAYER CHAPEL

Sign Up Now

Reynolds Wood Ministries is

now conducting FREE GED

and ESL Classes, Mentoring

Program, and

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(scholarships are available.)

For more information and

registration, please call 214-

544-1886.

Trinity Prayer Chapel

Rev. Reynolds Wood, Senior

Pastor

P.O. Box 650

Service Location is:

406 N. Tennessee

McKinney, TX 75069

Dallas, TX 75251

214-544-1886

**The Inspiring Body of Christ Church**  
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.  
Dallas Texas 75237  
Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888  
Sunday Services 7:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm  
Monday School 7am  
Men's Ministry 7:00am  
Website: [www.ibocjoy.org](http://www.ibocjoy.org)

**BETHANY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES  
8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services  
6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood  
WEDNESDAY  
6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting  
7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson  
8716 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75238  
214-622-8352 (Phone) • 214-622-6788 (Fax)  
bethany@bcbaptist.net (Email)  
NATURALLY  
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm  
Youth Activities

**Little Flock Baptist Church**  
Pastor Louis E. Laurent  
Internet Broadcast: [www.lrgm.com](http://www.lrgm.com)  
(Mon - Fri @ 12 Noon)  
A Place Where a "Taste of the Word" is Guaranteed  
Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:45 am  
Sunday Night Service..... 6:30 pm  
Tuesday Night Brotherhood ..... 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.... 7:00 pm  
704 E. Almee Street • P.O. Box 903 • Forney, Texas 75126  
Phone: 214-325-7021  
Fax: 214-371-8922 or 214-372-2135  
Email: [thewordcuts@yahoo.com](mailto:thewordcuts@yahoo.com)

**New Life Fellowship of Hamilton Park**  
8219 Bunche Drive • Dallas, TX 75243  
972-671-1096  
Bishop Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor  
A Place of New Beginnings... I Corinthians 5:17  
Sunday Morning Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship (Agape Hour) First Sunday ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study ..... 7:15 p.m.

**RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
3801 Avenue K.  
Plano, TX 75074 469-467-7575  
SERVICE TIMES  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:15 am  
Tuesday Night Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
Reverend James W. Thomas, Pastor  
Raised to Walk in the Newness of Life. Romans 6:4

**OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
Sunday Services  
9:00 am - Prayer Ministry  
9:30 am - Sunday School  
10:45 am - Morning Worship & Children's Church  
Tuesday Service  
7:00 pm - Bible Study  
Our Hearts, Our Arms and Our Doors Are Always Open to YOU!  
2701 Briarwood Drive V Plano, TX 75074  
972-422-4248

**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  
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor  
14120 Noel Road  
Dallas, TX 75254  
972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax)  
[templeoffaith\\_cme@sbcglobal.net](mailto:templeoffaith_cme@sbcglobal.net) (Email)  
Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center  
972-404-1412

**Hill Chapel**  
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
11131 Ave. Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090  
Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor  
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

**Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church**  
1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX  
Pastor Charles S. Wattley  
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  
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