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On the Homefront:

Youth-n-Service begins for youth ages 12-16, through July 15. Youth will participate in community projects for the elderly, give support to organizations that help those in need and work in projects that keep Mesquite beautiful. Contact 972.222.3198 for more information.

Plano's Picnic in the Park - On the Road, June 12 and 19, 7pm - 9pm; June 12: Me & My Monkey-A Beatles Tribute, Arbor Hills Nature Preserve, 6701 W. Parker Rd.

June 19: Crawfish - 40's Big Band, Classic Rock, Country, and Dixieland, Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel.

ArtCentre of Plano hosts "Jump Start for Arts," a Free Summer Arts Program for low-income students ages 8 - 15, June 16-July 25. Classes taught by certified art teachers. Ages 8-9, June 16-27; ages 10-12, June 30-July 11; ages 13-15, July 14-25. Held at the ArtCentre, downtown Plano, at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Call 972.423.7809 for further information and registration.

Friends of the Plano Public Library will host a meeting featuring Jim Moroney, Publisher and CEO of the Dallas Morning News, 7:30 pm, Tuesday, June 17, at the Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd. Plano. Moroney will discuss the expansion of the DMN Collin County operations, including local education coverage, neighborhoods, transportation issues and sports. There will be a question and answer time. The event is free. For more information call: 972.608.0082.

Free Dallas Symphony Orchestra concert at Campbell Green Park, 16600 Parkhill Drive, North Dallas, June 12, 8-9p.m. Includes Mozart, Strauss and Mendelssohn. Family picnics welcome. On-site concession sales. Pre-concert activities beginning at 6:30p.m. - DPD's McGruff, local bands, food, inflatable houses and more.

Free Beginners Computer Classes at the Urban League Community Service Center in Garland, 210 Carver Street. Classes held Monday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Some state income guidelines may apply. Call 214.413.1720 for more information.

Free homebuyer's workshops every 2nd Saturday of the month. Next one is June 14, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Granger Recreation Center, 1310 West Avenue F, Garland. Hosted by the Garland Community Service Center. For more information call Carolyn Lane at 214.413.1721.

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Community Day 2003 Volunteers

(Left to-Right) Front - Eddie Benton, Sheniqua Gatewood, Floyd White, Constance White, & David Linson
(Left to Right) Rear - Heike Bailey, Elder Woolwine, Elder Romrell, & Darwin Bailey

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Why's Everybody So Happy?

A Puzzling Celebration

"Why is everybody so happy on Juneteenth?"

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Connecting Our Thoughts To Our Body Health God's Way

By: Monica Thornton

When it comes to our health, perhaps the single most important part of us is the mind. Without each of us being certain that we are created after God's design for us, and believing that what we ask of God we can have, we will never believe that we can have optimum health. Christ said in John 10:10, "I came that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly." But when we allow our bodies to be in ill health, we rob ourselves of the abundance of life that Christ has promised us.

Each part of our bodies is designed to work with every part, we are created to be part of a whole, not just parts of the whole. One example can be taken from our kidneys. When

they malfunction, toxins build up in our bodies, hormones cannot be released, and chemicals that need to be present in correct amounts cannot be released. This in turn affects how chemicals and hormones are transmitted to the brain, where signals for every part of us are emitted. Erythropoietin, a hormone released by the kidneys, stimulates the bone marrow to make red blood cells, another hormone released by the kidneys, rennin, regulates blood pressure, and the active form of vitamin D, which helps maintain calcium for normal chemical balance in the body is released from the kidneys. Just one organ, affecting every part of our body.

But there are some things we can control, and some things we can't control. Even though we can recycle and watch how many

chemicals we emit into the atmosphere, we cannot control the overall level of pollution on our planet.

However, God in His infinite wisdom, created the world and all that is in it to work in harmony. And when we allow ourselves to listen to God and allow the things He has created to heal us, we can focus on health and restoration, and not on disease. In Acts 17:25, we are told that "God giveth to all life, and breath, and all things."

What can stop us achieving health is our own limitations, the limitations we allow by either believing or not believing that we can have health. We may pray and ask for healing, but do we really believe our prayers and supplications? Proverbs

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A Grand Time with Granville and Friends

Blackonomics

(NNPA)The last three weekends in May 2003 will always provide fond memories for me. I had the pleasure of visiting three cities and speaking to my brothers and sisters about two of my favorite subjects: Economic empowerment and entrepreneurship. It is always good to see and be among relatives I have never met before, and it's especially good to bring the message of empowerment and true freedom to our people. So, for three straight weekends I basked in the sunshine of Black men, women, and youth, evangelizing the word of economic freedom—and the pleasure was all mine!

I started with a speaking engagement at the Africentric High School in Columbus, Ohio, at the invitation of Brother Richard Lundy, director of the Kemet Institute. It was refreshing, first of all, to see an African-centered high school, and then to be among conscious brothers and sisters who would carry on the message of economic empowerment beyond the walls of that particular venue.

My next stop on the speaker circuit was Baltimore, at Sojourner Douglass College for the Reality Speaks Series, sponsored by Brother Jabari and the Conscious Views Bookstore. Once again, it was fantastic to meet more of my long-lost relatives, and to top it all off, I shared the stage with one of this nation's greatest entrepreneurs: Ray Haysbert, former owner of Parks Sausage. What a thrill it was to see him again, and then to hear him speak to

the audience in support of my message on economic empowerment; that made my year!

Then came the final weekend of my whirlwind tour. Brother Michael Arson, president and CEO of the Granville Academy of Northern Virginia, invited me to speak at the academy's graduation ceremony. In case you haven't heard of Granville Academy, just pick up a copy of "Black Enterprise" magazine (June 2003) and see the feature on Kidpreneurs—Youth Entrepreneurship.

Granville Academy was started in 1983 by William Granville Jr., a brother from the "hood" of Trenton, N.J., who decided, with a little nudge from one of his teachers, to change directions in his life before it was too late. After retiring from a very successful career as a senior executive for one of the world's largest companies, Mobil Oil, Brother Granville went to work again, this time doing what many of us just talk about. He set out to "give something back" by repaying the support and time his teacher invested in him. Granville established the academy to train inner-city youth in the dynamics of business and entrepreneurship.

Twenty years later Granville has 12 chapters along the east coast from Waterbury, Conn., to Tampa, Fla., and in Cleveland, Ohio. Bill Granville started the academy with his own funds and continues to "invest" in his people by instilling in our youth what many of us only celebrate once each

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Juneteenth: The History

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. Dating back to 1865, on June 19, the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and the enslaved 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, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, 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 yielded several versions that 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 story is that the news was deliberately withheld by the enslavers to maintain the labor force on the plantations. And yet, another tale is that federal troops actually waited for the slave

owners to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. All or none of them could be true. For whatever the reason, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory.

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.

Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing. The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states come on board and form local committees and organizations to coordinate the activities. Communication and networking is vital.

Boys & Girls Club McKinney Kicks Off Its Summer Program



(Left to Right)- Tray Smith, Timothy Smith, Morgan Smith pose with their step-father, Tony Crisp, Assistant Branch Director of Boys & Girls Club



(Left to Right)- Brandon Russell, Lucas Russell, Jasmine Burns model clothes from Tha Side Clothing, one of the event sponsor



(Left to Right)- James Hollins and Angelis Walker show off their fashions from Tha Side Clothing



(Left to Right)- Tony Kransnesky, Captain Lowry, Steve Dorris- McKinney Fire Department



(Left to Right)- Cynthia Medina and Michael Bolten of Carver Dental, one of the event sponsors

McKinney was abuzz on Saturday June 7, 2003, when the Boys & Girls Club of Collin County held its 1st Annual Community Day. Held at the club's grounds, 701 South Church Street, McKinney, the event was hosted by 'The Parent's Club,' the parents of the boys and girls at the club. Darwin Bailey, administrator, said, "It went very well. We had games and prizes for the kids, and they enjoyed themselves." There was also a fashion show by 'Tha Side Clothing,' and a talent show. Bailey said there were

several volunteers from area churches and from the Boys & Girls Club. "The purpose was to give the community an opportunity to fellowship and have fun," said Bailey. "And people got to find out what the Boys & Girls Club is all about." The event was sponsored by Double H Enterprises, TSO Optical, Carver Dental, Tha Side Clothing, SAM'S Club and The Parent's Club - McKinney. All proceeds from the event benefit the McKinney Branch Boys & Girls Club of Collin County. Bailey said the club has a full summer planned for the kids, with a Vacation

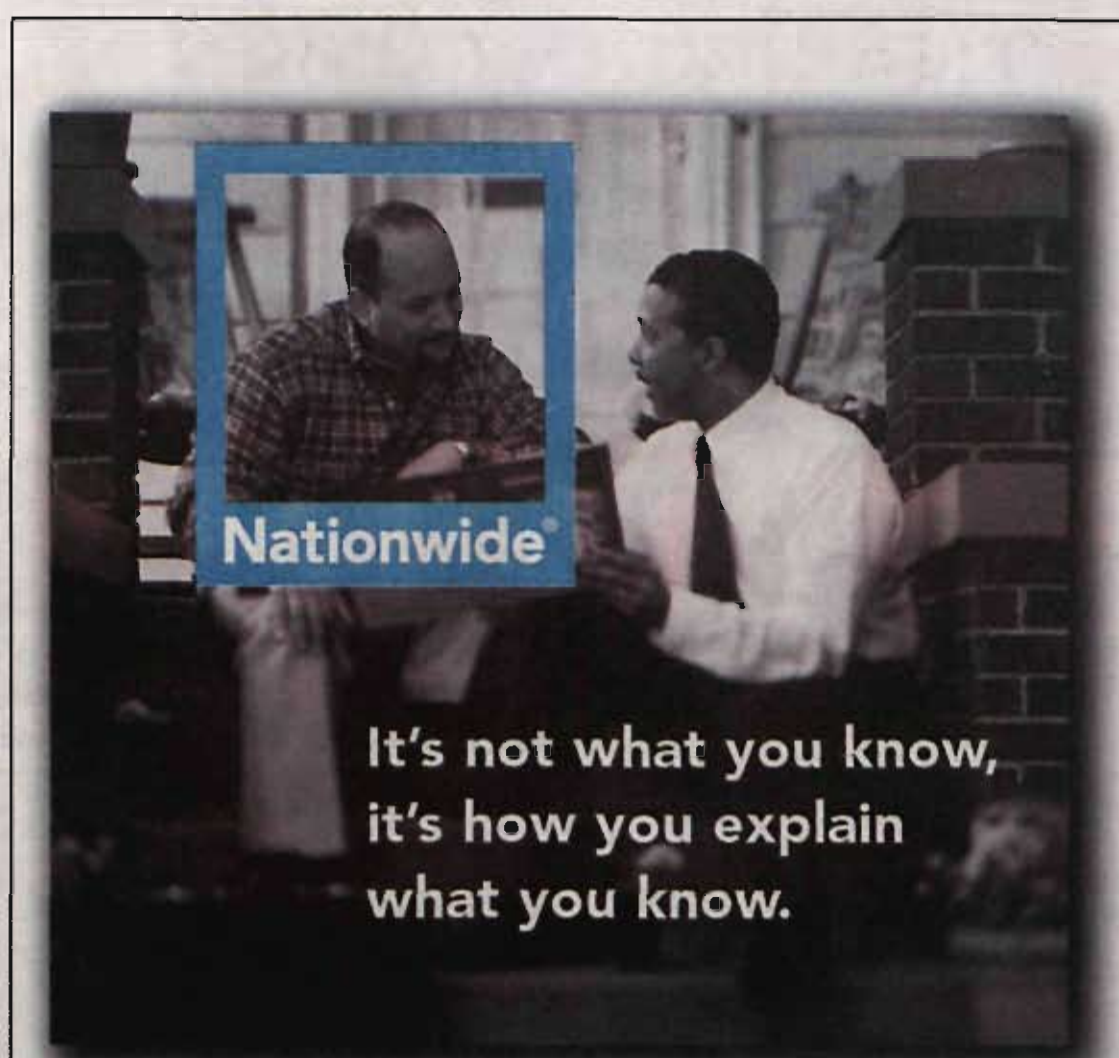
Bible School with 1st Baptist Church of McKinney, events in conjunction with the boy scouts and much more. "We're going to have a big summer," said Bailey.

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Collin County has created an emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us.

Residents of Collin, Rockwall, Dallas, Hunt, Navarro, Denton, Kaufman and Ellis counties can now dial 211 for free advice on who and where to call for support.

The Arts Gallery at Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus, displays works by students and professionals. Visitors and new artists are welcome. For information call: 972.881.5154. Open Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland by Presbyterian Healthcare, a Kroger Foods miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

Join the Allen Seniors for monthly activities, including luncheons, table games, line dancing, business meetings and more. Contact the Allen Senior Center at 972.727.0155, or mandelman@ci.allen.tx.us.

International Library of Photography announces that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Beginners and seasoned photographers welcome to enter, entry is free. Deadline is June 30. Visit: www.picture.com for details.

General Information

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department hosts a free summer lunch program for area youth June 2 through July 25. Served at Bowman Middle School, 2501 Jupiter Road, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., for ages 1 to 18.

Administered by the Texas Association of Developing Colleges (TADC), the Urban Scholarship Fund is accepting scholarship applications. Must be Texas residents and U.S. citizens, full-time undergraduates in good academic standing. Must demonstrate financial need. Deadline is June 30, 2003. Call 214.630.2511, or apply through high school guidance counselor or college financial aid officer.

Junior Players offers a free Discover Shakespeare Camp for middle school students, grades 6 to 8. June 30-July 11, Monday -Friday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, 5170 E. RL Thornton Freeway. Call 214.526.4076, or visit: www.juniorplayers.org.

Plano's Household Hazardous Waste Reuse Center offers Plano residents free, quality garden products (herbicides and pesticides), pool chemicals, household cleaners, repair products, pet products, paint and automotive products. 4110 West Plano Parkway, at the Parkway Service Center. Mondays: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. For information or to schedule a free chemical collection, call 972.769.4150.

The City of Garland hosts a Summer Food Service Program, providing free lunches to children up to 18 years old in Garland and Dallas. People older than 18 years are eligible

if they are mentally or physically disabled. June 9 - July 25, 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. Snacks served 2-3 p.m. For a list of sites available visit: www.ci.garland.tx

DISD Food & Child Nutrition Services Department, with Texas DHS, is sponsoring the 2003 Summer Food Service Program June 9 through July 25, for ages one to 18. Free lunch and snack each day at more than 40 + sites. Call 214.932.5500.

Through June 20

"Just Like Me" is exhibited in the Main Gallery, Mesquite Arts Center. Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesdays until 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays.

Through June 21

"Catch Me If You Can" is presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre. For tickets and reservations call: 972.216.8126.

Through June 22

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "The Last Five Years." A fresh and contemporary musical from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, chronicling a young couple's romance in a new and exciting way. Tickets \$24 to \$42. Call PRT's box office at 972.422.7460.

Through June 28

Collin County Community College District's 'The Arts' gallery presents "Revealing the Subconscious," by artist Morris Yanger, using metal and steel. Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. Visit www.ccccd.edu/TEARTSgallery, or call 972.881.5873.

June 10

JazzBreaks on the Plaza, 7:30p.m. featuring the Janet Robertson Quartet. Free. Call the Arts Council

for updated information at 972.216.6444. 1527 N. Galloway, Mesquite.

June 12 - 13

The SPCA of Texas in Dallas offers discounted spay/neuter surgery package. Neuter + shots: \$25/Spay + shots: \$35. Must make an appointment. Call 214.651.9611, ext 116 or 133. 362 S. Industrial Blvd, Dallas.

June 12 - 15

The hit comedy "Late Nite Catechism" comes to the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. For performance times and prices call 972.744.4650, or visit: www.eisemanncenter.com.

June 13

Mr. Twister is coming all the way from South Dakota to the Mesquite Main Library to entertain with balloon twisting, magic, juggling and fun. 300 W. Grubb Drive, 1:30 p.m. AND at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive at 3:30 p.m.

June 14

SPCA of Texas in The Colony hosts low cost rabies/vaccination clinic for dogs and cats; worming, microchipping, adoptions, merchandise and information on other SPCA programs. Call Ann Barnes: 972.625.5545, 10 a.m. to noon. 4720 E. Lake Highlands.

Collin County Classic Bike Rally-cyclists from around the country begin their trek from McKinney High School North and ride through neighboring cities. Recreational ride. To volunteer or for more information contact: Fit-life Foundation: 972.578.5719 or www.CollinClassic.com.

City Animal Shelter will sponsor a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., 12:00 p.m. to 4:00

p.m. For information call 972.216.6283.

June 16

Dallas Independent School District bond program - contractors are invited to attend the first in a series of free summer workshops 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m., at the Quoin Complex lecture hall, 11111 Stemmons Freeway. Topics include doing business with DISD, bonding and insurance, risk management, building a successful project, project analysis and pre-construction, design build and cost estimating. Register by fax to 972.925.7211.

June 16 - 20

Heard-Craig Children's Summer Art Camp. Fun, entertaining and educational, for children ages 6-11. Classes taught by certified art educators. \$50 for Heard-Craig members/\$60 for non-members. Reservations required. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For more information and reservations: 972.569.6909, 972.542.5340 or email heardcraig@texsoma.net or visit www.heardcraig.org.

June 16 - 21

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Thank the Cowdog & The Incredible Priceless Corncocks." Tickets are \$8/group tickets \$6 for twelve or more. Performances run Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At the Art Centre Theatre, 1028th 15th Place, Plano.

June 17

JazzBreaks on the Plaza begins at 7:30pm, featuring the Brad Herring Trombone Duo. FREE! Call the Mesquite Arts Council for updated information at 972.216.6444.

June 21

Black Dallas Remembered, Inc. presents the "Ninth Annual Young

and Gifted Concert," 2 - 4 p.m., at the Yvonne A. Ewell Town View Center. All funds raised will benefit the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House. Call 972.681.7029, 214.3333.0983, or email: happybirthdaysangels@yahoo.com

Heritage Farmstead Museum Outdoor Concert, 1900 W. 15th, Plano. With the North Dallas Men of Note in a family-oriented outdoor concert. Grounds open at 7:00 pm, concert starts at 7:30p.m. Tours available for the Victorian Farrell-Wilson House. Chairs and picnic tables provided or bring lawn chairs. \$3.00/adults; \$2.00 HFM members; \$1.00/child under 12.

Volunteer opportunities Birthday Angels, a non-profit agency is seeking board members and volunteers. This agency provides birthday parties for children in shelters due to abuse, neglect and homelessness. They need people experienced in event planning, grant writing, fund-raising, culinary design, donations, sponsorships, and memberships. Submit a letter of interest to: P. Barnes, P.O. Box 363, Frisco, Texas 75034, or email to: happybirthdaysangels@yahoo.com

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. 972.578.7510. And here's a friendly reminder that there are thousands of pets at shelters needing homes. Check out your local pet shelter for a furry addition to your family. Or consider being a foster parent, while permanent homes are found for animals. Contact your local animal shelter for details.

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Serena Loses Match But Gains A Lesson About Life

Serena Williams, the reigning queen of women's tennis, was upset by fourth seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne last week in the French Open semifinal ending William's bid for a fifth consecutive Grand Slam title. Prior to this loss No. 1 seeded Serena, who entered this match as holder of the French Open Title, had won 33 consecutive Grand Slam matches. Tennis fans around the world were stunned not only by Serena's losing the match but also by the hostility directed at her by the Roland Garros crowd.

Women's tennis has become accustomed to the rule of the Williams sisters. Serena and Venus had played each other in five of the past six grand slam events, and the last four in succession, with Serena claiming all four titles. The last slam match Serena had lost was against Venus in the 2001 US Open final. The Williams' dominance was bound to evoke animosity.

Certainly fans everywhere root and cheer for their favorite in any sports contest. At the start of this match, the crowd was partisan but not nasty. But, by the third game they were inflamed, unruly, raucous, and menacing with their booing. Fans began cheering each time Williams served a fault. The more they cheered and jeered, the more she faulted, and within a half-hour, Serena was visibly shaken, handing Henin-Hardenne the 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory that ended her Grand Slam winning streak.

Williams made one last grasp to appease the crowd as she walked off the court,

waving to the stands, but she was met by another round of boos, hisses and jeers. Her mother later said, "I don't think she feels she played her best, and of course, it wasn't the best conditions."

"It was just a tough crowd out there, really, very tough. Story of my life," Williams said before breaking down into quiet tears. She repeatedly wiped away tears during her post match interview and it is difficult to tell if she was hurt more by the hostile fan reaction or by the loss.

Serena better than anyone thrives in pressure situations whether it's the final of a major or playing in front of huge crowds that are against her. The boos of the partisan crowd that she has previously shrugged off got to her this time and her normal steel-like composure broke wide open for all the world to see a rare and poignant display of fragility. Yes, Serena is human and not just a tennis robot.

But Serena is still young and the life lesson from Roland Garros is timely. First she must not get bogged down with the unanswerable question of why. Was the crowd reaction racially motivated, was it something I did, was it anti-Americanism? None of this really matters. Let the media analysts play their guessing game with this story.

Serena, familiarize yourself with the pain and agony suffered by another super champion, Joe Louis, and take a lesson in what he did when faced with similar adversity. Louis too had a stellar rise to the top. He won his first 27 fights, 23 by knockout. Louis' undefeated streak ended on

June 19, 1936 when Max Schmeling stunned him in the 12th round. It was reported that Louis cried in his dressing room after the fight. Undaunted, he continued to fight and hone his skills even more.

Two years later, Louis had his rematch with Schmeling. The pre-fight hysteria had been given an international flavor. It was built into a battle of two ideologies. In one corner was Schmeling, identified with Hitler and fascism and in the other corner was Louis, representing the U.S. and democracy.

Before some 70,000 fans at Yankee Stadium, Louis pulverized the Schmeling, knocking him to the canvas three times in 124 seconds of the first round. Louis had crossed the line from champion to idol because of his rise from the ashes of defeat.

Serena, this French incident is just a minor detour on your way to new tennis feats, records and championships. You will get your calendar-year grand slam. Just as Joe Louis regrouped and climbed to even greater heights after his humbling by Schmeling, the Henin-Hardenne episode can be a similar road bump in your career. Remember, the road to the top was not easy for you and it will not be easy to stay there. Look inside yourself for what you need and refresh the vision that was so vivid in the beginning. The world does not have to like you but they must respect a true champion.

James W. Breedlove

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



Cheryl Jackson

They say dynamite comes in small packages; this is the Plain Truth about Pastor Renee Hornbuckle. Pastor Renee is an explosive woman of God. She is an author, motivator, and mentor. She is the wife of Bishop Terry Hornbuckle of Agape Christian Fellowship church in Arlington, Texas and a proud mother of three beautiful children, Matthew, Rachel, and Jordan. Being a pastor's daughter, I was excited and honored to interview this woman of God. Pastor Renee has a clear mission and vision for her ministry. On June 26 - 28, she will host the Woman of Influence conference, which will be phenomenal. Pastor Renee believes that God has given her a platform to introduce "first" to people. On Thursday, June 26, gospel-recording artist, CeCe Winans will be preaching her "first" sermon at the Agape Christian Fellowship church. The theme for the conference is "Be You" and it is aimed at helping women

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become the complete you and the best you that God created you to be. Pastor Renee is also the founder of Rachel's House, which will offer transitional housing and training services for women and their children who are experiencing financial difficulty due to loss of employment, a recent divorce, or domestic abuse. On June 27, Pastor Renee will host the first Power Woman of Influence luncheon from 1:30-3:30, this is a ticketed luncheon designed to gather

successful women, community and business leaders together that are at the top of their interest to give "powermonies" of their lives and to celebrate their successes.

The Plain Truth is that there are still Proverbs 31 women on earth and Pastor Renee is one of them! For more information on the Woman of Influence conference, please call (817) 557-5811 or visit them on the web at www.womenofinfluenceonline.com.

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Joe Jaynes

The North Central Council of Governments recently released the latest population figures for the region. Below is a table showing the difference in population for both Collin County and its cities (with populations of more than 1,500 people) for 2002-2003.

Of the five fastest growing cities in the 16-county North Texas

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region, McKinney ranked second behind Fort Worth. Last year McKinney added 8,650 new residents. Frisco finished fifth behind Arlington and Dallas by adding 5,300 new residents.

However, it is the smaller cities that saw the big changes last year. Anna added 650 new residents and increased their population by 50%. Anna also has approximately 3000 more lots set for approval so that growth should continue at an even greater scale. The cities of Celina, Murphy, Wylie, Prosper and Melissa also experienced double-digit

growth as well.

Tarrant County led all counties by adding 46,350 people last year. Both Collin and Dallas each added over 27,000 new residents and Denton County also added over 20,000 people. Collin County's 27,650 new residents shows that the county saw a net increase of 76 people per day last year.

More details concerning the new population figures can be found at COG's website at www.nctcog.org.

	Population 1/1/02	Population 1/1/03	Growth Rate 2002-2003
Collin County	549,450	577,100	5.04%
Allen	52,400	56,750	8.30%
Anna	1,300	1,950	50.00%
Celina	2,300	2,850	23.91%
Fairview	3,350	3,550	5.97%
Farmersville	3,200	3,200	0.00%
Frisco	50,100	55,400	10.58%
Lowry Crossing	1,300	1,300	0.00%
Lucas	3,100	3,300	6.45%
McKinney	64,900	73,550	13.33%
Melissa	1,450	1,700	17.24%
Murphy	5,350	6,450	20.56%
Parker	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Plano	234,100	237,950	1.64%
Princeton	3,500	3,500	0.00%
Prosper	2,400	2,700	12.50%
Wylie	18,350	21,350	16.35%
Remainder of Collin County	41,400	43,600	5.31%
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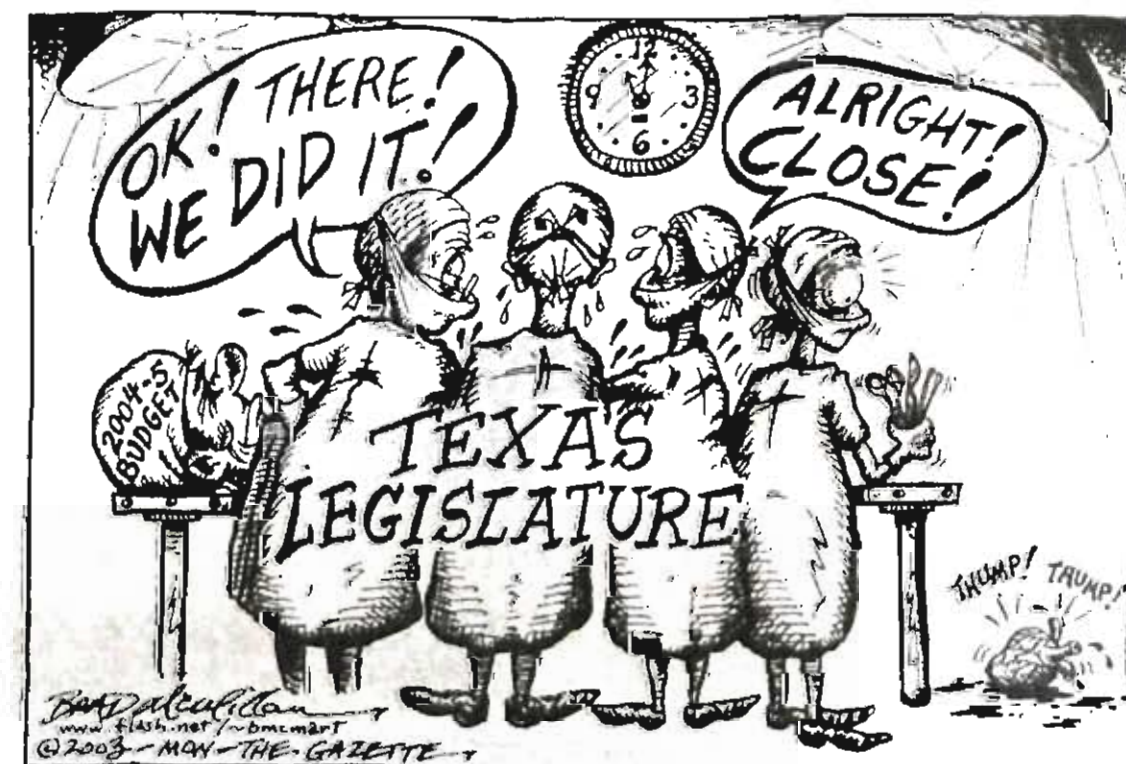
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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition 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 carving 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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Dallas College Student Named Exxonmobil Community Summer Jobs Program Intern for Dallas Office of the United Negro College Fund, Inc.



(Left to Right) Arleen Lawson-Executive Director of ExxonMobil Foundation; Jennifer N. Martin, UNCF Intern

ExxonMobil is providing internships to 75 local non-profit organizations, including the United Negro College Fund, Inc.

DALLAS-Jennifer N. Martin has been selected Intern for the Dallas office of the United Negro College Fund, Inc. Through its Community Summer Jobs Program, ExxonMobil is providing internships to 75 local non-profit organizations.

The program has provided college students with on-the-job work and educational experience for over 32 years.

Martin, a native of Omaha, Nebraska is currently a junior attending Paul Quinn College in Dallas, TX majoring in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations. She is a student member of the National Association of Black Journalists and has participated in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Association of Black Communicators Urban Journalism Workshop. She has served on the staffs of other non-profit organizations including

the Red Cross and the National Kidney Foundation of North Texas. She will be responsible for designing the first DFW area newsletter and for supporting development and special events in the North Texas and Oklahoma areas for UNCF.

Founded in 1944, the United Negro College Fund is the nation's oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization. UNCF has raised nearly \$2 billion to support its 39 member institutions and has helped more than 300,000 students earn undergraduate and graduate degrees. Currently, UNCF administers more than 450 programs, including scholarship programs, mentoring, summer enrichment, and faculty and leadership development. For more information about UNCF, visit www.uncf.org.

Clear the Air Between You and Your Kids This Father's Day: Stop Smoking

AUSTIN, TX— If there's a fog of smoke between you and your kids, why not take the initiative this Father's Day to clear the air by quitting smoking?

The American Lung Association of Texas says the Father's Day holiday on June 15 is an excellent opportunity for fathers who smoke to start the process of quitting, not only for the sake of their own health, but for the health of their children who have to breathe in the secondhand smoke at home and in the car.

"Fathers, as parents, have a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for their children. Therefore, fathers who smoke need to realize that smoking doesn't just affect their health, it also affects the health of their wives and children. So we're encouraging every father who

smokes to quit smoking as a gift to his family for Father's Day. It will be a gift the entire family can enjoy," said Edward Carter, president and chief executive officer of the American Lung Association of Texas.

Every year, more than 440,000 people in the U.S., including 26,000 Texans, die from smoking-related illnesses. Men who smoke are 22 times more likely to die from lung cancer, and 10 times more likely to die from bronchitis and emphysema, than men who don't smoke. Exposure to secondhand smoke is especially harmful to infants and children, increasing the risk of lower respiratory tract infections, bronchitis, pneumonia, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), and the number of episodes and severity of asthma. Secondhand smoke also causes about 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 heart disease

deaths each year among adult non-smokers.

The American Lung Association of Texas offers several quit smoking programs, including Freedom From Smoking Online, a free, 24-hour, web-based program that helps smokers to quit in the privacy of their home, at their own pace. For more information about the Freedom From Smoking Online program or other smoking cessation programs offered by the American Lung Association of Texas, call 1-800-LUNG-USA, or visit www.texaslung.org.

The American Lung Association of Texas is committed to fighting lung disease, a leading cause of preventable death and disability, and promoting long health for all Texans through education, advocacy, research and community programs.

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year: Kujichagulia, Uman, et al. Bill Granville, currently attending divinity school to pursue his third career as a minister, also founded a charter school in Trenton, N.J., which serves K-12 students. He says, "Our goal is to open a charter school in each of the states where our affiliates operate." And wouldn't you know it, he's still not satisfied. He told me he is working diligently to start a Black college somewhere in New Jersey as well. Here we have a Black man, and I do mean a "man," who did quite well as a high-paid executive in corporate America, passing on his knowledge, his financial resources, and his example to our youth.

I was especially excited about the fact that entrepreneurship is being taught at Granville, along with technology, of course. It was a pleasure to see Michelle Arson, who will attend Delaware State University, Bill Granville's alma mater, present her prize-winning business plan to the audience. The other students participated in various aspects of the ceremony and demonstrated their skills and talents in several areas of endeavor. You would be hard-pressed to find a better group of young people than those at Granville Academy.

Yes, I had three great weekends in May 2003. Granville Academy was the icing on the cake. Thanks to my brothers, Richard Lundy, Jabari, and Michael Arson for your confidence and support. Thanks to those of you who came out to hear the message. And, thanks to the young brothers and sisters who will be well prepared to receive the baton and run swiftly toward the goal of economic freedom and independence.

To all of our people, young and "seasoned," to Brother Ray Haysbert, to my sister entrepreneur, Jerney Freeman, who made a special trip to Fairfax, Va., for the Granville affair, and to all the parents who came out in support of their children, "Thank you." You are the reason I do what I do.

To the readers of this column, I simply ask you to support these organizations with your money and your time, and support those in your respective cities. When we get the spirit of entrepreneurship and true economic freedom into our children, they will be armed for the struggle ahead of them; they will have the ultimate fighting weapon not only to survive in this country, but also to thrive. Love, peace and blessings to you all.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor of the

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Remember the city watering guidelines:

- From June 1 to Sept. 30, water only before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when using sprinklers. Watering with a hand-held hose or soaker hose is permitted at any time.
- Water just your lawn, not driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- Promptly repair broken or leaky sprinkler heads and systems.
- Turn off sprinklers when the forecast calls for rain.

In addition to these guidelines, Dallas residents are finding all kinds of ways to save water. So, what are you doing?



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16:20 says, "Whosoever trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."

Another limitation we put on our access to health is our willingness, or lack of, to follow the basic laws of life. When Christ said he came to give us life abundantly, do we want an abundance of foods rich in creams and sugar, that bring ill health, or do we want an abundance of quality living that comes from following some basic principles of abundant living. Eat as many unprocessed foods as possible, preferably none, limit or eliminate meat eating, get adequate exercise and fresh air, get adequate sleep at the proper time, have plenty of light and sunshine in your home, keep plants in your home for fresh air, and drink purified

water. These are the baby steps to health.

And although it may not seem like a limitation, what we focus on is what we bring about. Have you noticed when someone says they are going to lose weight, or control their diabetes, the opposite occurs? That is because the focus is on the symptom, not on the whole. By focusing on that which is good for us, by focusing on God's healing energy flowing through us, we can have health. In his book "Think Yourself Rich," Joseph Murphy, Ph.D., D.D. says, "Your thought is creative. Every thought tends to manifest itself and causes your subconscious mind to respond accordingly to the nature of the thought."

And in Philippians 4:8, we are told "Whatever is true,

whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things."

Worry and anxiety are not lovely things, neither are bitterness, unforgiveness, and apathy. Throughout the Bible we are told to meditate upon God's word. When we do this, we are in tune with God and His energy. "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength," Isaiah 30:15.

God has given us colors to bring healing, oils, herbs, physicians and common sense. By taking control of the whole person and focusing on the health God wants us to have, we can achieve optimum health.

HealthCheck© 2003 Calendar

We're keeping you informed about health-related events happening in your area!

Fairs

June 14

The Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., North Texas Chapter is hosting "Take a Walk on the Wild Side"- a family night out at the Dallas Zoo from 5-9pm. Featuring live entertainment, food, face painting, magicians, silent auction and raffle.

Lupus is a life threatening disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own healthy tissues and organs. About 1.4 million Americans have a form of lupus - 90% are women.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Each Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center, Medical City Dallas.

On-going

Diabetes Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at

Medical City Hospital, 7777 Forest Lane, Building A, 12th-floor classroom. Call 214.788.6175.

Diabetic Support Group meets at 1 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness Center, Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th St. Call 972.941.7335

Blood pressure screening every 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church, after the 11:00 a.m. service. Located at 2232 Franklin Drive, Mesquite. 972.329.5030, a n d www.mesquitefriendship.com

Walks/Runs

June 14

Dad's Day 5K run, 12377 Merit Drive, Dallas.

Benefitting the George Sheehan Fund for Prostate Cancer research at the American

Foundation for Urological Disease. Registration begins 6:30 a.m. Dad & Child 1K begins 7:45a.m. Other events: Dad's Day 5K; 1 mile family fun walk; Diaper dash; dad's tricycle challenge; dad & child look a like contest; free prostate screening; Radio Disney. Early registration \$15/\$10 children 6-12. \$25 race day. Visit: www.runondallas.com for details and registration.

Trails for walking/running/cycling

There are about a dozen fun trails in Plano that are ideal for walking, running or cycling, from Bob Woodruff Park near Los Rios, to Arbor Hills Nature Preserve in far West Plano. For a list of trails and their length, visit: www.planoparks.org, click on 'parks & facilities,' then click on 'trail maps.' Or call 972.941.7250.

Check out the Plano Pacers where they have runs for just about every age group and category. Visit www.planopacers.org.

Are You The Picture Of HEALTH?



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It's A Question Of Health?

A Personal Message From Sister Tarpley
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As typical in most African American families, my family has a history of hypertension, (high blood pressure), diabetes, over-weight people and some asthma and allergies, to name a few. However, recently because of HealthCheck 2003™, I decided that I would take control of my lifestyle and take better care of myself.

When my mother, Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus died in 1984 at the tender age of 72, she was suffering from a multitude of illnesses, hypertension, diabetes and other major health concerns including a steady loss of blood that made her extremely cold all of the time. We were putting heavy winter clothes on her in the Texas' August heat. If you were in Texas in the 80's you know that we set a record for the hottest days in Texas history.

Mr. Lloyd David Demus, my father died at the young age of 60. He was the typical male never going to the doctor to see what was wrong and to learn more about preventative measures he could take to eliminate some of his health problems.

In January 2003, my niece Ms. Vendetta Lynn Avery Jones wasn't taking care of her hypertension and diabetes, as a result, she died at the young age of 48.

It is clear to me my mother, father and my precious niece died too young! I miss each one so very much. Only God knows how each must have suffered needlessly, when an annual checkup could have pinpointed the problem and provided a health plan for a change in lifestyle, which could have resulted in each having less pain to deal with.

My siblings and I all have high blood pressure and diabetes. We are all prime candidates for a heart attack or a stroke. Once when my older sister, Ms. Eloyd Demus Avery was getting on to me for not taking my blood pressure medicine on a regular basis, I told her that it didn't make a difference, because my time of death was planned and it didn't matter what I was doing. She said that my statement was true, but by taking care of myself I didn't have to feel bad while living. Needless to say, I started taking my medicine on a regular basis and now thanks to HealthCheck 2003™, I am also making a change in my lifestyle.

Since Thurman Jones, Publisher of MON-The Gazette commissioned Parker Original & More to create HealthCheck 2003™, I have been more conscious of taking better care of myself. The articles and stories serve to keep me aware of my health and what I can do to live a better lifestyle.

--Remember to read Sister Tarpley's Weekly Column "Church News"--

Morning Star Baptist Church, located in Grand Prairie, TX is having a Health Fair on July 19th, for more information, please contact Catherine Butler (817)649-3048

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April 3	Talk to Your State Legislature about Research (diseases such as cancer)	✓
April 10	Importance of Physical Fitness	✓
April 17	Kidney Disease	✓
April 24	Alternative Medicine	✓
May 1	March of Dimes (Preventative Healthcare for Pregnant Women)	✓
May 8	STD Awareness	✓
May 15	Asthma and Allergy Awareness	✓
May 22	Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention	✓
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Editor's Note:
Due to an overwhelming response, MON-The Gazette has decided to reprint "Why's Everybody So Happy?", which was originally printed in a 1995 edition of our publication. This inspiring story helps us see that the chains of slavery have not yet hit the ground.

By Dimple Jean Tucker Ballou
"What yall celebrating baby?"

"Juneteenth, Mama Gulah!" I shouted with joy, while skipping and dancing in a small circle of jubilation, gripping her feeble dark crinkled hands and pulling her gently around and around me.

"Well, I'll be," Mama Gulah sighed with a slow rising glowing smile, shaking her head solemnly. "Ain't that the truth! Well, I'll be. Just how long have it been baby, since we was all set free?"

"Roughly, 130 years, Mama Gulah, depending on who you ask," I said. "In Texas, we got the news on June 19, 1865, but some of our people heard about it sooner."

I stopped skipping and hopping and wrapped my arms around Mama Gulah, hugging her frail body with restrained might, but sinking deep into the bosom of her ancient soul. Her little fragile arms hugged me back as I gently led her to a soft comfortable armchair and lifted her little feeble feet onto the matching ottoman.

I probably shouldn't have awakened her like this, from her long restful sleep. But I just couldn't resist. I figured what better way to celebrate the Juneteenth this year than in the company of a mother I have never known, but a mother of all mothers - like her black mothers before her and those still to come.

But as I hurried excitedly all about her, trying to make her comfortable, wanting her to enjoy the modern conveniences and plush high-

tech surroundings of my 2nd floor suburban apartment, her deep dark hypnotic eyes locked unmercifully into mine. Just as the obsession of a heat-seeking missile locks onto its fleeing target of inescapable doom, Mama Gulah's eyes latched onto mine - gripping, searching, charged with the mission to touch the very depth of my soul. She was completely oblivious to the magnificent luxuries encircling her, luxuries I so dearly wanted to share, just with her. For I knew: Mama Gulah had never had the opportunity and leisure to put her feet up and relax - never, ever before, not in her lifetime.

"A hundred and thirty-two years," Mama Gulah exhaled. "That a mighty long time. And then again, it ain't."

Her eyes refused to loosen hold of me. I felt myself being sucked into her 'soul. I was cared. Not of Mama Gulah's eyes, but of how deep her soul would suck me in, and whatever it might would suck from me.

I fidgeted about a bit, not being able to shake Mama Gulah's penetrating gaze and sat on the ottoman at Mama Gulah's worn calloused feet.

"Well, Mama Gulah," I said, wringing my hands nervously as her dark eyes controlled me. "We got watermelon, Big Red soda pop, yellow pound cake, barbecue ribs, hot potato salad, and cold slawedini, tell me what you want on your plate, Mama Gulah," I said, rising timidly from the ottoman, my eyes totally at the mercy of hers.

"Mama Gulah don't want no plate, baby," she said, squeezing my fingers and pulling me back down onto the ottoman with a strength I didn't know she had. "Talk to me, chile, Tell Mama why everybody so happy?"

"Oh, Mama Gulah!" I said in a frenzied shrill, pulling my hands away from her grip and clapping them together in a loud

free slap. "We got so much to celebrate! So much! Mama Gulah, I don't know where to start!"

Mama Gulah pulled my struggling eyes deeper into the hidden wonders of her soul. I tried desperately to stand up again, against the weakness of my knees. I needed a little relief from those eyes. Those eyes, burrowing deeper and deeper beneath the very essence of my sense of being. She gripped my hands tightly again and pulled me



back down to her feet.

I was sinking fast and helplessly into Mama Gulah's eyes. "Let's see now! Okay, Mama Gulah, get ready for this," I said excitedly as her fingers gripped me tighter still. "We got black people doing so many things now that we're free! We got black people living in big pretty houses all over this America, so pretty, Mama Gulah, you wouldn't believe."

"What you say!" Mama Gulah laughed. "Do that mean all our black peoples now own the land and the big fancy houses, too?"

"Well, no, Mama Gulah," I said cautiously. "Not all of our people."

"How many?" Mama Gulah asked.

"I don't know, Mama Gulah. I don't know how many."

"Humph!" Mama Gulah sighed. "I see. Do that mean the rest of 'em still live on plantations with the massa and the missus? Don't own nothing? Barely got food to eat?"

"Not on plantations, Mama Gulah," I tried to explain. "Apartments like this. But some of us live in squalor ghettos, and then some of us are homeless."

"How many?"

"I don't know, Mama Gulah. I don't know how many."

"Umph!" Mama Gulah sighed. "I see."

"But Mama Gulah!" I remembered with renewed excitement. "We got black people now in real high places. We got a black man now sitting in the highest court of the land. You hear me Mama Gulah? We got a black Supreme Court judge."

"Lord have mercy!" Mama Gulah grinned proudly aloud and weaved her little trembling fingers through mine. "Do that mean he up there looking our for all our peoples, making sho they gone be done right?"

"Well, not really," I sighed, dropping my eyes. "Do that mean he scared yet of the massa and the missus? Or do that mean he just don't care?"

"I don't know, Mama Gulah. I just don't know."

"Umph!" Mama Gulah said, frowning into my eyes. "I see."

"But forget about him, Mama Gulah," I consoled. "We got hundreds more black men (and women, too!) all over the place, with all kinds of education and big college degrees, and

fantastic talents. And Mama Gulah, you wouldn't believe the money they make. Millionaires, mama Gulah, we got black millionaires!"

"Hush your mouth!" Mama Gulah laughed with a little kick in her feet. "Do that mean they done come back home with that money and put it to good use for all our peoples?"

"Well," I said softly, my eyes drifting over the expanse of the room. "Some of them, Mama Gulah. Some of them."

"How many?"

"I don't know, Mama Gulah, how many?"

"Umph!" Mama Gulah grunted. "I see. Do that mean all our black mens that done made it, they's out there frolicking 'round in town, getting' drunk, chasing whores, spending they time and money on the massa's trash, taking up very vice they can find what's killin' they soul?"

"Yes, Mama Gulah. Some of them are."

"How many?"

"A lot, Mama Gulah. But I don't know how many."

"Do that mean the womens and the childrens is left back on the plantation waiting for the black me to come back and buy 'em free?"

"Well, not exactly, Mama Gulah. Some of the black women and children are making it pretty good. And some of them are barely making it, and some are not making it at all. Some of the women are so busy working, the children are left to grow up alone. Mama Gulah, some of the children are killing themselves and everybody else insight."

"How many?"

"Too, too many, Mama Gulah, everyday, too many."

"Humph! I see. I see. Do that mean our black mens ain't teaching the little black boys how to be a man and our black womens ain't teaching the little

black girls how to be a proper lady?"

"Well...."

"Do that mean," Mama Gulah interrupted, "the little black boys and the little black girls don't 'preciate one another, don't love one another?"

"Well...."

"Do that mean we right back where we started at," Mama Gulah interrogated me. "Where we was taught to hate ourselves, and love the massas and the missus mo?"

"Well...."

"Do that mean we done all died for nothing, that our little black babies is gone be slave again?" Mama Gulah said breathlessly, her trembling bosom heaving and panting with heightened anxiety. Suddenly, she released my hands and slumped back into the big cushiony chair.

"Mama Gulah," I said, "I'm sorry." I stood and hugged my arms around her trembling shoulders, kissing her tenderly on the cheek. That's when if felt one tiny tear fall from Mama Gulah's dark weary eyes. And my heart felled with it.

Mama Gulah stood and walked limply toward the door. I watched her helplessly, my arms stretched out toward her. Mama Gulah stopped and turned to face me.

"Now Mama Gulah knows why's everybody so happy," she smiled sweetly into my troubled eyes. And I was puzzled and breathless. My soul held in suspension by the power of her wise, age-old eyes.

"Black peoples love to eat and celebrate," Mama Gulah sighed. "That way, all the pain don't hurt."

Then she was gone. Mama Gulah - 400 years of hard living and blessed anticipation.

I rushed to the window for one last look at dear Mama Gulah. But all I could see - through the pounding rain - was the parade passing by.



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up with an advanced safety system for the XC90. First, there's the Roll Stability Control (RSC) that activates the Dynamic Stability and Traction Control to help

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This Sunday Night Third Eye Blind at NextStage



former Counting Crows drummer Brad Hargraves, as well.

As Third Eye Blind was getting off the ground, Jenkins was earning major-label attention through his production of the Brads' cover of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," which became an international hit.

Falling between Hootie & the Blowfish and Live, Third Eye Blind's catchy and melodic post-grunge made the group's first single, "Semi-Charmed Life," into a hit in the spring of 1997. The San Francisco-based quartet consisted of Stephan Jenkins (vocals), Kevin Cadogan (guitar), Arion Salazar (bass) and Brad Hargraves (drums). After earning an English degree from the University of California at Berkeley, Jenkins concentrated on playing solo shows in the San Francisco scene. He spent four years playing in local bands before beginning a solo career; however, shortly after he set out on his own, he decided to form a band. After several lineups failed to gel, former Fungo Mungo bassist Arion Salazar joined the group, which was now called Third Eye Blind. At one of the band's shows, guitarist Kevin Cadogan, a former student of Joe Satriani who later became involved in the northern California ska and punk scenes, introduced himself to Jenkins. Cadogan joined Third Eye Blind in late 1995, bringing along

Shortly afterward, he signed a publishing deal, which was reported to be the largest ever for an unreleased artist. By playing the Bay Area frequently, Third Eye Blind cultivated a dedicated fan base, and the group's original 14-song demo attracted the attention of major labels. The buzz was continuing to build on Third Eye Blind when the group finagled their way to a prized opening slot for Oasis's April 1996 concert at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium. At the time of the concert, the group was unsigned, but following their well-received performance, the band became the subject of a bidding war. The band signed with Elektra/Asylum because the label offered the most artistic freedom, which included enlisting Jenkins as the album's producer. Upon signing to Elektra, he was offered a production deal to help develop new bands.

Jenkins produced Third Eye Blind's eponymous debut, which was recorded in San Francisco with the assistance of Eric Valentine, an engineer who also

worked on their early demos. Third Eye Blind was released in the spring of 1997, and by the summer, its first single "Semi-Charmed Life" had become a number one modern rock hit. Blue followed in 1999. ~ Stephen Thomas Erlewine, All Music Guide.

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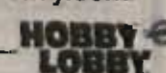
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Arts & Entertainment

Red Hot Chili Peppers Play Smirnoff Music Centre June 16



L.A. funk-rock band the Red Hot Chili Peppers struggled for years to find commercial success, finally attaining it in the early 90s, despite frequent lineup changes and struggles with heroin addiction and indecency charges.

The nucleus of the band has always been vocalist Anthony Kiedis and bassist Michael "Flea" Balzary (born in Australia), who met at Fairfax High School in the late '70s. Flea performed with several L.A. bands, including the

vulgar punk outfit Fear, before forming the Chili Peppers with Kiedis in 1983. Along with guitarist Hillel Slovak (born in Israel) and drummer Jack

Irons, originally of the band What Is This, the Chili Peppers gigged around the Los Angeles area looking to make it big. Kiedis and Slovak became addicted to heroin, and Slovak quit the band in 1984, replaced by local guitarist Jack Sherman. The Peppers landed a record contract with EMI and released their self-titled debut album late that year to little public attention. Slovak returned to the band in 1985 for their follow-up effort, the more funk-oriented Freaky Styley, produced by George Clinton. This album did not sell well, though the group began to get an underground

reputation for the intensity of their performances and their wild stage antics, which included getting naked or nearly so with strategically placed socks covering their nether regions. Several times the band was arrested after exposing themselves off-stage and otherwise sexually harassing female fans.

After a long hiatus, the Chili Peppers returned in later 1995 with One Hot Minute, which failed to duplicate the success of Blood Sugar Sex Magic. In 1996 the band scored a No. 1 hit with a cover of the disco single "Love Rollercoaster," taken from the Beavis and Butt-Head soundtrack; however, problems stemmed from the fact that Navarro's playing style was clashing with the rest of the band. Flea and Navarro worked on solo material and joined the re-formed Jane's Addiction, but despite rumors of a breakup, the Red Hot Chili Peppers spent most of 1997 preparing material for a new album.

In the spring of 1998, five years after leaving the band, Frusciante (who had

struggled with and miraculously recovered from a full-blown heroin addiction) was brought back on board, replacing guitarist Navarro. The following year, the band released the critically acclaimed Californication, containing the multi-platinum hits "Scar Tissue" and "Californication." The album's success, attributed to the band's ever-evolving sound and Kiedis' every-maturing songwriting skills, solidified the Pepper's status as one of rock's most enduring bands, giving them the kind of staying power that had eluded many of their peers who emerged out of the alternative scene of the early 90s.

Riding high after touring with Foo Fighters and Pearl Jam, the Peppers went back into the studio in 2001 and recorded By the Way, an introspective collection that continued the sound evolution started on Californication. The album was a critical and commercial success, as many cited it to be their most intriguing work to date.

Hollywood Homicide



Two Los Angeles Police Department homicide detectives, one a grizzled veteran (Harrison Ford) and the other a young yoga instructor and aspiring actor (Josh Hartnett), investigate the onstage murder of a rap group, possibly organized by the boss of a top rap label.

Starts June 13, 2003

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The characters from two hit Nickelodeon series collide in Rugrats Go Wild. When the vacationing Pickles family becomes stranded on a deserted island, Tommy Pickles knows there's only one man who can help them: Nigel Thornberry, ace wilderness expert. But Thornberry's been hit on the head, which makes him about as much help as a 3-year-old.

Starts June 13, 2003

Matchbox Twenty Plays NextStage June 21



Alternative rockers Matchbox 20 evolved out of the popular Florida band

Tabitha's Secret, changing to their current name and lineup in 1996 and released their debut album, Yourself Or Someone Like You, on Atlantic Records in 1997. The album quickly reached the Top 10 thanks to the success of their radio-friendly single, "Push."

2000 started out auspiciously for lead singer Rob Thomas.

"Smooth," the tune that Thomas sang on and co-wrote for the Carlos Santana monster hit, Supernatural, received multiple honors at the 42nd Annual Grammy Awards. The second Matchbox Twenty album (the band underwent a slight name change the same year, trading "20" for "Twenty"), Mad Season By

Matchbox Twenty, was released in May of 2000. Followed by "More Than You Think You Are" released in 2002.

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July 26 John Mayer	September 13 Clint Black
July 31 Rock the Mic	September 21 Steely Dan

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Sunday, June 15 - 2:00pm/7:30pm

An Evening of Country Blues
Tuesday, June 17 - 8:00pm

Riders In The Sky
Thursday, June 19 - 8:00pm

Carmen Suite
Friday, June 20 - 8:00pm

The Music Man
Tuesday, June 24 - 8:00pm
Wednesday, June 25 - 8:00pm
Thursday, June 26 - 8:00pm
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Saturday, June 28 - 2:00pm/8:00pm
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ELEVEN RULES OF REALITY

- Rule 1. Life is not fair, get used to it.
- Rule 2. The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.
- Rule 3. You will NOT make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.
- Rule 4. If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.
- Rule 5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping—they called it opportunity.
- Rule 6. If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.
- Rule 7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you

A Tribute to the Graduating Class of 2003

save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8. Your school may have done away with winners and losers, BUT life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life!

Rule 9. Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time!

Rule 10. Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Bill Gates' Speech at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, California

WHOSE HANDS?

- A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.
- A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about 33 Million.
- A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.
- A baseball in Mark McGuire's hands is worth about \$19 Million.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands parted a mighty sea.

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A slingshot in David's hands was a mighty weapon.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in God's hands feed thousands.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

As you see, it all depends whose hands it's in. Put your life, your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because . . . IT DEPENDS WHOSE HAND IT'S IN!

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Church Happenings

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Greenville Avenue Church of Christ
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Richardson, TX 75081

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June 9-13 Vacation Bible School
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Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry J. Sanders, Pastor
3227 Keller Springs Rd.
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Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

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For more information, contact Gail Miller 972-437-3493 x112

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The Black Church and Juneteenth

By Dr. Charles Taylor, Author

From the establishment of the first black church in America, throughout slavery and beyond, the church has been the foundation of the black community. During the horrific days of slavery it provided relief and nourishment for the soul with its promise of a better life after death. The church gave the slave dignity and assured him he was equal in the eyes of God. Despite his earthly condition he was loved and valued as a child of God no matter how difficult his burden became or unbearable his suffering was. Jesus, who too suffered, prepared a place of rest for him when his time was up on earth. It was this religious faith that sustained the slave and enabled him to endure his bondage.

The slave owner was able to observe a glimpse of this

faith as he heard the incredible music that seemed to come out of the slave's soul while toiling in the field. If the slave owner had ventured into a slave church, his strong defense of slavery would no doubt have been weakened. He would have seen the people he considered inferior and sub-human without the defensive masks they wore in the fields; in their churches, enslaved men and woman displayed a dignity and stateliness that survived the slave owner's dehumanizing oppression.

The church was more than a safe house. It served as a launching pad for black leadership and was involved early on in working for liberation. Many free blacks in northern churches participated in the Underground Railroad, raised money for freedmen after the Civil War, and helped keep the black community intact.

The importance of the black church cannot be overstated. It was, and perhaps still is, the single most important institution in the black community. It permitted self-expression and supported creativity at a time when it could have meant death. An example is found in the spirituals, gospel and other forms of music that helped blacks explain and endure their sojourn in America. Blacks were able to use their churches to hone organization and leadership skills useful in the economic, social and political development of their community. It's no accident that Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Jackson and a host of other civil rights leaders got

their start through the black church.

Therefore it is not surprising the black church has always played a pivotal role in keeping alive the meaning of Juneteenth. Religion has always been at the root of the observance of this holiday, which is ironic, considering it is a holiday born out of an institution so far removed from Christian ideals--slavery.

The Black Church provided a haven from the daily oppression slaves faced, but after freedom it was also the center of social activities including the sponsorship of the annual Juneteenth Celebration.

Source: National Juneteenth Christian Leadership Council

Fathers Make Important Difference in Children's Lives



Rev. Ellis White of Bluff Road Church in Columbia, S.C., holds his daughter, Carmen.

By Kathy L. Gilbert
UMNS-Children living without fathers are more likely to be suspended from school, drop out, be treated for an emotional or behavioral problem, and commit suicide as adolescents and experience child abuse or neglect, according to the National Fatherhood Initiative.

In 1960, less than 8 million children were living in families in which the father was absent. Today the number of children living in fatherless homes exceeds 24 million, which translates into one out of three U.S. children.

Millie Carter, coordinator for the South Carolina Annual (regional) Conference's Fostering Families program, believes deeply that every child should grow up with a loving father.

"I had a super dad when I grew up," Carter says. "He wasn't a perfect man, but as far as being a

daddy, he was the best daddy in the world for me. I can't imagine a child not having that."

Carter has been working with the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the annual conference to make the Fatherhood Initiative possible.

The men talk about communication, anger management and expressing their feelings to their partners and their children.

Carter recalls hearing one father say after a meeting that he learned how to tell his son he loved him. "It never occurred to him before because his father never said that to him," she says.

The Rev. James P. Smith, founder and director of Fatherhood Initiative, says supporting and equipping dads is a rewarding challenge.

Smith says an equipped father is one who has committed to learn the skills necessary to be a positive role model to his child or children. The conference is working to expand the program to Lee County, one of the poorest counties in the conference.

Carter uses Malachi 4:6 (RSV) as her inspiration. The verse says a prophet will come, "And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse."

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