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On the Homefront:

Plano's Courtyard theater presents "Things with Wings" by Leonor Brazao and Glen Ayers. Approximately 100 works of art are exhibited. The exhibit will be displayed at the Courtyard theater located at 1509 Avenue H from June 3 through July 9, 2004.

ArtCentre of Plano is presenting a free summer arts program for low-income families as a part of Jumpstart For Arts. Enrollment is free and on a first-come first-serve basis. The program will have three sessions according to age with classes June 14-18 for students age 8-9, session 2 is June 21-25 for students age 10-12, and July 12-23 for students age 13-15. All sessions are from 1-5 p.m. and transportation will be provided from Memorial, Hickey, Forman, Mendenhall and Meadows schools to the ArtCentre. There will also be a Spanish interpreter on site. The ArtCentre is located in downtown Plano at the corner of 15th St. and Avenue K. For more information, call 972-423-7809.

Buick Club Of America 2004 National Meet which includes a Buick car show and swap meet, will be held at the Plano Centre located at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. The event will take place on Saturday June 19 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Admission is free and is open to the public.

Also at the Plano Centre, The Life Enrichment Boot Camp will present an interactive workshop that uses experiential games, drills and competitions to improve relationships. Admission is \$350 per person. For more information please call 972-699-8886 or visit www.lifeenrichmentbootcamps.com

The Collin County Health Care Foundation is announcing available grant funding for health-oriented projects and programs. Preferences will be given to proposals that address the following: the health and well-being of county residents; promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement in the project; targets at-risk, underserved or vulnerable populations; and demonstrates new approaches and techniques in the solution of community problems.

Completed applications are due Thursday, July 15, by 4 p.m. and may be mailed or hand delivered to: Collin County Health Care Foundation, Attn: Grants Committee c/o Michelle Patrick, 210 S. McD nald St., Suite 626, McKinney, TX 75069. Electronic copies of the application are available by emailing mpatric1@co.collin.tx.us or by calling 972-548-4714.

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Mesquite NAACP Offers the Community the Gift of Health



Spokespersons for the **Bullet Bob Hayes Prostate Screening and Awareness Foundation** Keith Adcock, Prautius Samueo

By Kimberly Roberts
Blood pressure checks, asthma and allergy information and prostate cancer information were some of the services available to those who attended the Mesquite Branch NAACP's Fifth Annual Health Fair on Sat June 5.

"The most important aspect of the Health Fair is that members of the community are able to come out and receive free information and screenings that they might otherwise not have had access to," said Constance Paris, Mesquite NAACP Branch 1st vice President.

The event was held at the Family Cathedral of Praise in Mesquite and approximately fifteen to twenty vendors offered everything from skin analysis to energy drinks to the crowd that visited the different booths. The prostate cancer booth offered free screenings and the spokespersons for the exhibit expressed the need for

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Celebrating Freedom (Part 1 of 2)

By Lakeisha Joe
Thousands upon thousands of African men, women and children were cruelly ripped from their African homeland, forced onto ships, scattered all over the so-called New World and forced into slavery. Almost four centuries later, nearing the end of the Civil War, in January of 1863 most of the slaves would learn that they had finally been freed.

According to accounts of the happenings aboard the slave ships, not only were slaves treated cruelly once they reached the New World, but they were also treated cruelly on the treacherous journey. Aboard the slave ships, men, women and children were packed tightly into every available space of the ship. They were refused food, clothing, and anything else humane.

On June 19th 1865 Civil War Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, almost two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed off on the Emancipation Proclamation freeing all slaves, with news that the war had ended and that all those enslaved had been freed.

Major General Gordon Granger, who led Union soldiers into Galveston, brought with him Order Number three that read:

"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." Unfortunately, the absolute equality of rights and

rights of property just never really became apart of life for those former slaves.

Annually on June 19th, in more than 200 hundred cities in the United States, a Juneteenth celebration is held to commemorate that historic day in 1865 when slaves in Texas, who are considered the last slaves in America to be freed, finally received the good news.

Efforts have been made to explain the two and a half year delay in receiving such important information. Through the years, several stories have been told of why Texas slaves were the last to receive news of their freedom. One story is that the messenger was murdered on his way to Texas with news of freedom. Another story is that the slave owners intentionally withheld

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API Makes Spectacular Strategic Move to Spotlight Readers of Black Newspapers

New York - In an aggressive follow-up to its historic API Black Newspaper Readership Study released on March 31, 2004, Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. today announced the launch of the PowerSpenders monitor, an ongoing, in-depth study of regular readers of Black newspapers.

"The Black Newspaper Readership Study has suddenly brought to light a powerful, affluent consumer group that, for years has been overlooked and/or totally ignored," said Dorothy Leavell, Chairman of API. "Now that this group is being accorded interest commensurate with its importance, it's essential that it be tracked on an ongoing basis."

CNW Marketing Research, Inc., the firm that designed and executed the original study will also design and execute the ongoing study. Art Spinella, the President of CNW, said it would consist of two sections - the economic section and the category product-specific section.

The economic section will profile the PowerSpenders (regular readers of Black newspapers) against all African American consumers, all Hispanic consumers, all Hispanic consumers who regularly read Hispanic newspapers and all consumers in general. Confidence levels, attitudes and opinions and general economic /demographic data will

be measured and compared. The second section will track specific product categories, specific products and specific brands measuring purchase data and quantifying total economic values that each consumer group represents.

A selected number of key advertisers and marketers seriously interested in reaching the PowerSpenders, will be invited to participate in the on-going study.

"We expect The PowerSpenders Monitor to rapidly become a key economic indicator and, consequently API will release top level results to the media on a quarterly basis," said Mr. Spinella.

Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. is the nation's oldest media placement firm representing leading Black newspapers from coast to coast. Its 43-years of experience dealing exclusively with Black newspapers, its proprietary databases and its exclusive "added value" programs have made it the preeminent authority on reaching and motivating the African American consumer.

For further information contact Dorothy Leavell in Chicago at (773) 752-2500 or Mark Channing in New York at (212) 904-1880.

ACCESS 2004 Held June 14-15, 2004



(left to right) Margo J. Potts, President, DFW Minority Business Development Council and Sister Turpley, Religious Editor, MON-The Gazette

Real Men Cook in Honor of Father's Day

REAL MEN COOK for Charity the largest, longest running annual, national urban Father's Day event in the nation will be held at Eddie Deena's Ranch, Sunday, June 20, 2004.

It's a Father's Day celebration, filled with food prepared and served by real men and activities celebrating family. Nationally the event raises over \$100,000 annually for non-profit partners.

This year REAL MEN COOK for Charity will again be held on Father's Day, June 20, 2004 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in 10 cities, including Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Miami, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

Men from all walks of Dallas will represent the REAL MEN COOK team 2004. Dallas sponsors include The Ester Davis Show, Smoothie King, Empress, KRNB, KKDA, NtheKnow.com, NBC5, Rolling Out Newsmagazine, Urban TV, Reporter's Roundtable, Black Enterprise Magazine and Central Market. Real Men Cook will benefit Real Men Charities, Inc. RMC has partnered with Erykah Badu's non-profit B.L.L.N.D. to donate a portion of tickets sold through Half Price Books to Ms. Badu's charity.

It takes a real man to give his cooking talents, skills and time to an event each year. It is also the most enjoyable thing I do, I love the families that attend and all the

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A Celebration In Honor of All Fathers

"It no longer bothers me that I may be constantly searching for father figures; by this time, I have found several and dearly enjoyed knowing them all." -- Alice Walker

Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life - whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big

Brothers." It is a time of burnt toast and breakfast in bed, family gatherings, crayon scribbled "I Love You's" and, of course, that lovely new tie!

Father's Day is celebrated in the US on Sunday, June 20, 2004. Other Countries celebrate throughout the year.

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday

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Juneteenth Film Festival Schedule of Events

Photos by: Frank Lott
Dallas - The following events are scheduled for the Juneteenth Film Festival, from Tuesday, June 15 to Sunday, June 20 in Dallas, TX. Event logistics, program times and artists are subject to change. For registration and more information log on to www.juneteenthfilmfestival.com.

Onsite registration for JFF passes are subject to a \$15 surcharge.

Thursday, June 17, 2004
Event: Film Screenings
Location: The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) (via DART's Dallas Convention Center Station)
Time: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, \$5 per person



Geovanna-Actress, Stanley Clark-Jazz Artist, Ylonda Clements-Juneteenth Film Festival Planning Committee

Event: Film Premiere - Skin Deep (2003), directed by Sacha Parisot, hosted by Sheryl Lee Ralph
Location: The Angelika Theater, Mockingbird Lane @ Central Expressway (via DART's Mockingbird Station)
Time: 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Event: Midnight Movies (sponsored by Blockbuster)
Location: Hyatt Regency (via DART's Union Station)
Time: 11:00 PM, Free with festival pass

Friday, June 18, 2004
Event: Film Screenings
Location: The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL)

Time: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, \$5 per person

Event: The Emancipation Series Reception (hosted by i-10 Media)



Daphne Stephenson-African American Museum Associate and Motown legend Smokey Robinson

Location: The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL)
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, \$5 per person

Event: The Emancipation Series -- Keep the Faith, Baby (2002)

Location: The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL)
Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Event: The Official Juneteenth Party
Location: TBD
Time: 11:00 PM - Until, \$20 per person

Saturday, June 19, 2004
Event: A Conversation with Bill Duke
Location: Hyatt Regency
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, \$20 per person
Event: Film Industry Celebrity



Enjoying the opening reception Tracy Williams, Frances Jaye, Divonne Alexander, Carol Howard

Round Table
Featuring Bill Duke, Harry Lennix, Geoffrey Garfield, Russell Hornsby and others.
Location: Dallas Hall of State, Fair Park
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, \$5 per person

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delicious foods that we men serve, it is the event for Father's Day," says REAL MEN COOK third year participant, NVisionit entrepreneur, Juan Williams.

This is my first time cooking, I want to show the women attending that you can enjoy a great delicious meal and have a low calorie meal at the same time," Says Vincent Craig, REAL MEN COOK first year participant, single parent with a 4 year-old son.

Real Men Cook is an event that changes lives and uplifts the image of African - American men.

"I am glad to be back with REAL Men Cook," says Event Manager, Terry Allen, "I am glad to announce the men, listed as Real Men Cook Dallas Bakers Dozen."

The men were selected by the Real Men Cook Steering Committee and they are:

Entertainer Kirk Franklin, Small Business Leader Van Howard, Judge C. Victor Lander, Urban Media Philanthropist Tom Joyner, Metro Media Icon John McCaa, Community Activist John Wiley Price, Columnist James Ragland, Spiritual Warfare Rev. Rickey Rush, Black media publisher Jim Washington, Community Icon Willis Johnson, Media personality Rudy V., Commentator/Publisher Roland Martin, award winning NBA Manager Terdemus Ussery.

The Bakers Dozen show that Texas has African American men who are dedicated to family, business and community. In light of the recent news stories reporting negative community incidents, this event shows that Real Men are doing great things in the neighborhood everyday.

"It is just unfortunate that sometimes the mainstream media does not report that," says, Terry Allen, RMC Event Manager.

To date celebrity cooks will include KRNB Soul Master

Rudy V, 97.9 The Beat Action Jaxon, KHVN DJ Antonio Jackson, extraordinary and a long list of great African-American men living in Dallas.

Ladies, if it has been a long time since you had a real man cook for you, then make sure you join us for the REAL MEN COOK, June 20, 2004, states Ora Guy, Co-Event Manager.

Join the staff, the cooks and celebrity tasters which include TV Media darlings Maria Arita and Starlene Stringer, KKDA's Jocelyn Johnson, Miss Community Diane Miles, Entrepreneur Barbara Hawkins, Talk Show Host Ester Davis, AAWTS, Schnell Blanton, Fox 4

Rochelle Brown, TBAAL Gwen Hargrove, Pro-line Corporation's Debra Brannon, Publicist Winsor Barbie, former Dallas Cowboy NFL Player Mel Renfro, Stylist to the Stars Shereese Slate, Reporter Roundtable Cheryl Smith, Gallery Owner - Stephanie Ward, Ntheknow's Teresa Taylor, Black Expo's Gail Finney, Love Hangover Shewanda Riley, Empress Powerhouse- Vecilia Tinde, Universal Music's Velisa Crayton and celebrity cooks which include Super Journalist/Entrepreneur Roland Martin, Former Seattle Mariners Mark McLemore, Commissioner John Wiley Price, Focus Communications Ken Carter, Tiki's Restaurateur David Berman, Straight Entertainment CEO London Williams, Photojournalist Legend - R.C. Hickman, African-American Chamber of Commerce's Sanmi Akimulero, DCVB's Kevin Owens, Sheraton Dallas Chef, Iriq, Shelton,

Restaurateurs Terryon Jefferson, Billie White and Mel Lemane of Snappy's Seafood, Rhythm & Blues BBQ & FISH and Po Melvin's respectively, Entertainment Attorneys - Ward

and Former Police Chief Terrell Bolton, etc.

The event will be held at Eddie Deen's Ranch located in Downtown Dallas. Tickets can be purchased at all Dallas Half



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White and Anthony Aubrey, Natural Foods Entrepreneur and Artist Emmanuel Gillespie, Motivational Speakers Walter Price and Gary King, Fast Food Entrepreneur Demetrius Sanders, K104's Harold Hall

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The mission of Real Men Cook is to positively change the way the world view men in relationship to the family and the community," states Co-manager, Ora Guy.



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Around The Town

Ongoing

EyeCare America will be launching a summer campaign urging seniors to call the toll-free Seniors EyeCare Help Line: 1-800-222-EYES (3937), which is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight. The free eye care program is available all year round. For more information, visit www.eyecareamerica.org.

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us

Interactive Children's Museum at Valley View Center- a hospital fantasyland, a miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, arts and crafts. Mon-Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Saturdays 11 am-6 pm and Sundays noon-6pm. Children 2-10 years \$4/ Adults \$3. Call 972-386-6555

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking CollinCounty. The

nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am-1 pm every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required and more information is available online at www.teamnetworking.com

General Information

The American Red Cross is offering "Free Gas" until 2005. From June 7 through September 6, all blood and platelet donors will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a pre-paid gas card whenever they give blood at Red Cross Donor Centers, bloodmobiles and drives. For more information please contact 1-800-Give Life or arcblood.redcross.org

June 19

94.5 K-Soul, home of the "Tom Joyner in the Morning Show," and sister stations 97.9 The Beat, home of "The All New Steve Harvey Morning Show," presents the 3rd Annual Stone Soul Picnic - A Juneteenth Celebration 2004. The free family event will be held at Fair Park beginning at 10 a.m. For volunteering

opportunities, call Koshina Tabasuri at 972-331-5417 or email her at ktabasuri@radio-one.com.

June 22

Mesquite Arts Council Presents "Jazz Breaks In June." Featuring the MJRE (Mesquite Jazz Repertory Ensemble) Big Band. The concert will be held at 1527 N. Galloway in Mesquite. For more information call 972-216-8122.

June 23 through June 25

The Life Enrichment Boot Camp. An interactive workshop that uses experiential games, drills and competitions to improve relationships. admission is \$350 per person. For more information contact 972-699-8886 or visit www.lifeenrichmentbootcamp.com

June 24

Small Business Coach. a 6 month small business coaching program. Admission must be pre-paid. For more information contact John Cortright at 972-906-0351 or visit www.maximum-roi.com

June 25

The Center for Nonprofit Management is presenting

"Ready...Tech...Go!" an all-day conference targeting technology for nonprofits from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Infomart, 1950 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. The conference is designed for senior management, technology, marketing and development staff and board members. The price is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members and includes continental breakfast, lunch and access to all seminars and exhibits. Registration begins now. For more information, call Cathy Rentzel at 214-826-3470 ext. 229 or email her at rentzel@cnmdallas.org.

June 26

Reebok presents the Third annual Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game at the Dr Pepper/Seven Up Ballpark located at 7300 Roughriders Trail in Frisco. Celebrities expected to play include Dallas Star-Mike Modano, NFL Hall of Famer-Roger Staubach, Dallas Mavericks owner-Mark Cuban, N' Sync's Chris Kirkpatrick, NHL star-Brett Hull, Dallas Maverick- Michael Finley and Dallas Cowboy-Roy Williams amongst others. Tickets are \$5, \$10, \$15 and

\$20 and are on sale at Ticketmaster(214-373-8000), online at www.ticketmaster.com, or at the Dr Pepper/Seven Up Ballpark box office. For more information visit www.heroesbaseball.org.

Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800

C.I.T.Y. Family Center, a non-profit agency, is offering free parenting groups the last Thursday of each month. Located at 1947 Ave. K; Bldg. A, Suite 100, Plano. Contact Libby Dorn, C.I.T.Y. Family Center 972-424-4626

Volunteer Opportunities

The NAACP Garland Branch will host the 2nd Annual Community Health Fair, Saturday, August 14, 2004, Gale Fields Recreation Center. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Health Planning and Steering Committee. We are inviting individuals, churches, and community organizations to serve on this Committee. Note: More than 800 citizens attended the 1st Annual Health Fair and more than 300 children were given immunizations. To volunteer, please contact Ms. Carol Blakes at 972-495-76-49 or email her at cblakes@tdmn.com. You may also call the NAACP Garland Branch at 972-381-5044.

The Plano Animal Shelter needs volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. Foster homes are also needed while permanent homes are found for animals. Call 972-578-7510

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Ray Charles--The Impossible Dream Is Possible

Last week as the nation mourned the passing of its 40th president, Ronald Reagan, another American icon, Ray Charles died following a short illness. For over 60 years this black genius marched to a musical drumbeat that both peers and laymen have been unable to adequately categorize.

To say that he was a consummate artist is an understatement. His body of work defied boundary limitations, explored uncharted musical venues while fusing the diverse genres of Jazz, R&B, Blues, Country, Gospel, Pop, Classical, and Broadway into new music that can only be identified as Ray Charles.

Is there one who does not feel more patriotic and stand taller and prouder when hearing his heart-rending version of "America the Beautiful"? "Georgia On My Mind" was not until 48 years later after the song was filtered through the Charles magic that it was decreed as Georgia's official state song with the Georgia legislature specifically identifying his version in its resolution.

The many accolades that have been bestowed on Ray Charles over the years attest to his career accomplishments. They include Grammys, Billboard Awards, Presidential Medals, Halls of Fame and numerous Top Tens. His music can incite an audience to the brink of frenzied mayhem or sooth them into a solace quiet enough to hear a pin drop. But as great as the scope and magnitude of Ray Charles' musical achievements the soul of the man reaches higher.

He was born in 1930 in

Albany, GA into a depression era family located on the bottom of the economic ladder. The family moved to Greenville, FL to seek a better life but poverty and tragedy followed them. Ray saw his brother drown in the tub his mother used for take-in laundry when he was five. At age six, glaucoma began to blur his sight and he was blind by age seven. He was sent to the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and Blind, where he learned piano, organ, trumpet, clarinet, and saxophone as well as reading and writing music in Braille.

Ray's father died when he was ten and at age 15 he found himself an orphan when his beloved mother died. Ray, after all the heartbreak and tribulations he had encountered, could have taken a completely different life path and recede hopelessly into his own sphere of make-believe. The world would have sympathized and commiserated with him. Instead of giving in to his handicaps and wallowing in self-pity he began playing in bands around Florida while honing and refining his musical skills.

Often asked to explain his indomitable human spirit and insatiable drive Ray Charles in his 1978 autobiography stated, "I was born with music inside me. That's the only explanation I know of. Music was one of my parts ... like my blood. It was a force already with me when I arrived on the scene. It was a necessity for me, like food or water."

It was this drive that produced a diverse spectrum of musical hits that amazed even music professionals. It was not Black music. It was not White music. No adjectives could describe the

kaleidoscope of tones and rhythms that pleased so many. It was simply the work of The Genius.

Ray was also an unparalleled performer. He commanded the stage during any personal appearance. From the moment his assistant escorted him on stage the audience sensed that something special was about to happen. He would be immaculately attired and his trademark wrap around shades only added to the Charles mystique. He rarely just sat at his keyboard.

When he started to perform he was in perpetual motion so agitated that you felt disaster was imminent. He would lean back from the keyboard almost parallel to the floor. He would sway side to side while simultaneously bouncing up and down. His legs would rhythmically flail about so rapidly that you expected him to fall off the piano bench. He was obviously immersed in his element and his audience went with him, mesmerized by every precious moment. No one has ever performed at a keyboard with the abandon of Ray Charles.

He was a tireless worker. During his illness he still worked in his studio producing music with artists such as Michael McDonald, Willie Nelson, B.B. King, Elton John, Bonnie Raitt, and Norah Jones. On June 10 Ray Charles passed away at the age of 73.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson called Charles "America's music laureate and a national treasure."

Peace to The Genius who has joined the heavenly chorus.

James W. Breedlove
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at www.truthclinic.com

Statement From John Kerry In Recognition Of Juneteenth Celebration

"I am proud to join with Americans in communities across this country in celebrating Juneteenth, the day that marks the end of slavery and the beginning of the long fight for freedom embarked upon by African-Americans almost a century and a half ago. We take this time to rejoice in the fact that Americans' commitment to justice and liberty along with their faith ultimately vanquished slavery.

"But, even in our celebration, we must remember the horror of slavery and honor the suffering of those who came before us. We need look no further than the origin of Juneteenth to remind us of ways in which African-

Americans have been betrayed. Juneteenth began on June 19, 1865 when Major General Granger brought the news to slaves in Texas that the war was over and they were free. While the announcement brought immediate jubilation, it came two and a half years after Lincoln had issued the emancipation proclamation. Thousands of human beings had spent additional years in bondage because of the determination of some in our nation to cling to slavery.

"Yet, just as the Old Testament records the story of the children of Israel and their exile in Babylon, and how they were faced with terrible oppression and atrocities, African Americans, like the children of Israel,

faced terrible injustice and oppression, but were still able to sing their song in a strange land. Even amidst obscene hardships and seemingly insurmountable odds, these determined Americans remembered their triumphant past and looked expectantly into the future.

"We must find new ways to be energized by our history - both by the tragedies and by the triumphs. And then we must recommit ourselves to building a stronger, better more prosperous nation for all of our citizens; a nation in which hope is the birthright of every child and where liberty and justice are truly available to all."

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the news of freedom in order to maintain the labor force. However, another story claims that federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits of one more cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation that President Abraham Lincoln had passed freeing the slaves. However, it looks as if we will really never know why slaves in Texas were the last to receive the good news.

When many of the slaves learned of their freedom, even though they had no place to go, they left plantation life immediately because they felt that leaving the plantation would give them their first taste of freedom. Many slaves decided to go north after learning of their freedom because they thought the north was a symbol of true freedom. Yet other slaves, yearning to reach relatives in nearby Texas states, went to Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

If you have ever read about the day in the life of a slave, you would understand why slaves immediately left the plantations upon learning of their freedom. During slavery times, slave owners created slave codes that didn't allow slaves to experience the simple pleasures of life. Slave codes, in which every state had its own set of, prohibited slaves from doing such things as going outside after dark. However, when the sun was up most slaves worked as field hands on their master's cotton plantation. Slave men and women did hard labor in the cotton fields. They cleared new land as well as planted and harvested crops. Those in their teenage years worked beside the adults in the fields. Even the small children had their role to play on the plantations that included pulling weeds, picking insects from crops, and making sure the other workers had plenty to drink. Once their work was done, they could not gather in groups of three or more or leave their owner's property without a written pass. Additionally, they were not allowed to learn to read and write.

Those same slave codes made slavery a permanent condition inherited through the mother, and defined slaves as property basically in the same terms as those applied to real estate.

Although most freed black Americans immediately left the plantations, freedom meant more than the right to travel freely. It meant the right to name one's self and throw away names that had been given to them by their slave masters.

Freedom also meant legalizing marriages that had taken place while still enslaved. You see,

during slavery, the law did not acknowledge marriages between slaves, which often times resulted in a husband and wife being sold to different plantations. The children could also be taken away from their parents and sold. As a result of these laws against marriage, county courthouses overflowed with blacks applying for license to make their marriages legal once slaves learned of their freedom. Freedom also meant the right to assemble and openly worship as they saw fit, simple pleasures that we often take for granted today.

Attempting to settle into their new existence as free men and women proved to be a task of

great difficulty for these former slaves. There are those today who still believe that black people in America are still trying and finding it difficult to find their place.

Those whose ancestors didn't go through such a tragic ordeal for almost four centuries may be wondering why Juneteenth is such a big deal. Well, the answer is that freed slaves, in an effort to relive the memories of that wonderful day in 1865 when the last of the slaves learned of their freedom and to help them cope with the mounting pressures of being free, began the annual celebration on June 19th stamped "Juneteenth". The Juneteenth celebrations became a time of restoring confidence in their freedom, for praying and for gathering remaining family members. For decades in Texas, Juneteenth continued to be a respected tradition, with several former slaves and descendants making an annual trip to Galveston, Texas on June 19th.

When former slaves and slave descendants made their annual trip to Galveston to celebrate their freedom, several activities were provided to entertain those who had made the trip. Many of those activities, which are still provided in today's Juneteenth celebrations, include rodeos, fishing, barbecuing and baseball. Also during the Juneteenth celebrations there was always

time spent on education and self-improvement of blacks.

During Juneteenth festivities certain foods became very popular such as strawberry soda and barbeque. The barbeque pit is often established as the center of attention at Juneteenth celebrations.

At the Juneteenth celebrations food was plentiful because everyone prepared a special dish. Meats such as lamb, pork, and beef that were not available on a daily basis were brought to commemorate this special day.

When the Juneteenth custom first began, dress was an important factor and is often still taken very seriously. During slavery times, there were certain laws that prohibited the way slaves could dress. During the beginning days of the Juneteenth celebrations there were stories told of former slaves throwing away their tattered clothing and dressing themselves in clothing taken from plantations belonging to their former masters.

Little interest for Juneteenth celebrations existed outside the black community during its beginning years. Often, white Americans exhibited resistance to the Juneteenth celebrations by prohibiting the use of public property for the festivities. Many celebrations

took place out in rural areas and often times the church ground was the location for Juneteenth festivities. However, as some black Americans became landowners, land was given and specifically dedicated for Juneteenth celebrations. One of the first documented land purchases in the name of Juneteenth was established by Reverend Jack Yates in which fund raising efforts produced \$1000 and the purchase of Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas. Local Juneteenth organizers in Mexico, Texas were able to purchase Booker T. Washington Park, which became the location for Juneteenth celebrations in 1898. After the slaves were freed, Juneteenth celebrations continued to grow. Mr. Booker T. Washington Park, as many as twenty thousand African Americans flowed through during the course of a week, making the celebration one of the largest in the state. Each year, the number of blacks participating in the festivities increased.

Even though newly freed black Americans were gathering annually to celebrate their freedom, there was trouble behind the scenes.

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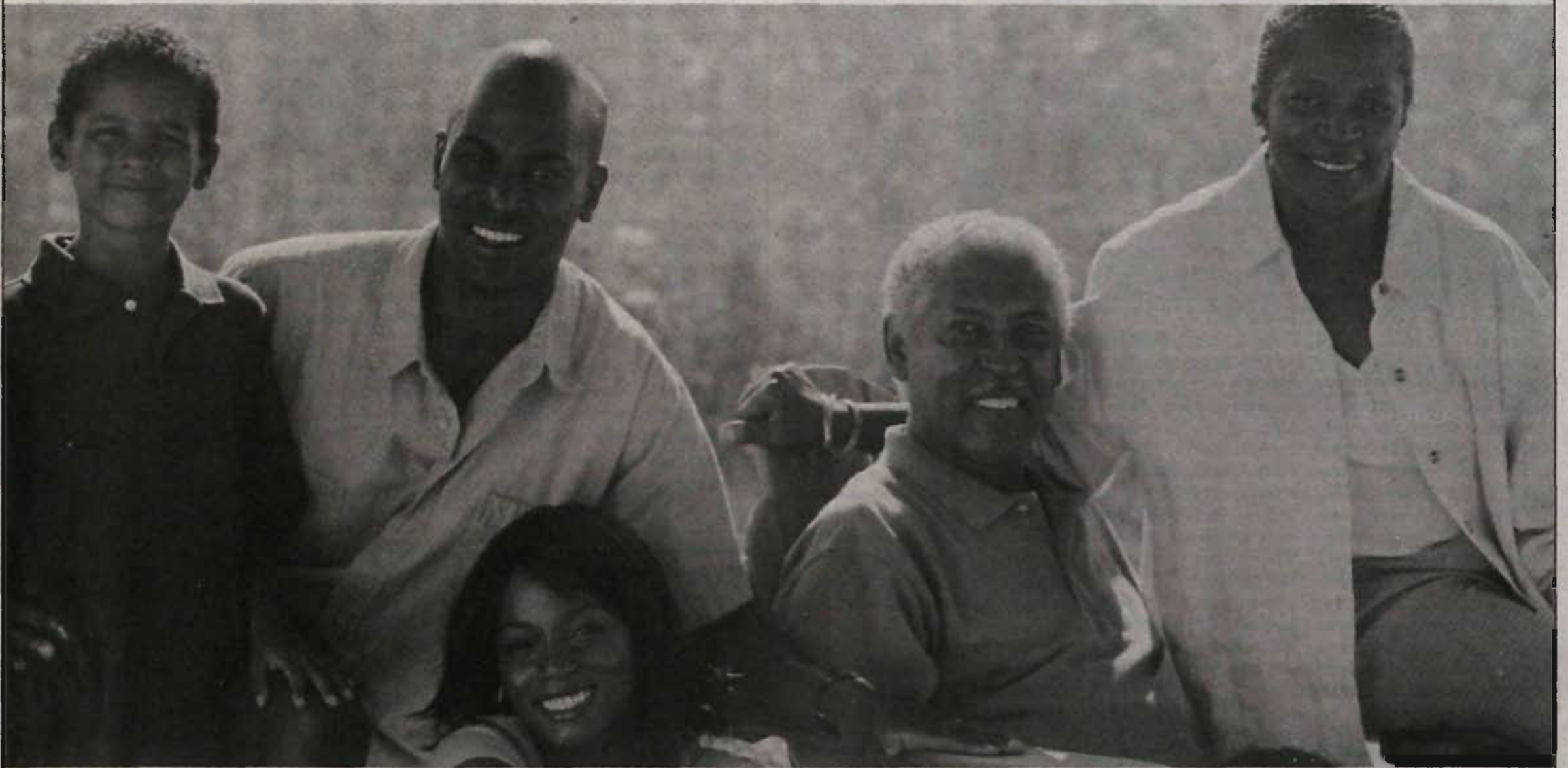
Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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 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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Business Directory

Going for the Gold How to win the gold when selling your business.

While the world's greatest athletes prepare to compete in the summer Olympics in Athens, many business owners will be dreaming of a different kind of victory, and will be too busy to take a summer break. The most important triumph many entrepreneurs experience is the successful sale of their business. Unfortunately, for all of the work that entrepreneurs put into the growing of their business, many typically spend very little time preparing to sell it. What they fail to recognize is that a great business to own is not always a great business to sell. Because of this many business owners end up simply handing their business over to a successor for a very modest price, and they leave a small fortune on the table.

It doesn't have to be that way! Some simple planning could make you a mint. After interviewing dozens of entrepreneurs in a range of industries for Start It, Sell It and Make a Mint (John Wiley & Sons), we found that there were three must-have keys to creating a valuable, and most importantly, a sellable business. And the medal winners are:

Gold Medal: Predictable Revenues. The single biggest factor in determining price is the size and predictability of the revenue stream. Obviously the larger the revenues, the higher the price, but it's also true that the more predictable the revenue streams, the higher the price. Typically companies that generate recurring revenues (such as service contracts) command twice as much as commission based businesses that have one time customers. It is also important to note that the higher the revenue stream, the more qualified potential buyers you will find, resulting in a higher price. So concentrate on increasing revenues in size and substance before you sell.

How to improve: Identify which of your revenue streams are predictable, and identify how to convert more of your revenue into recurring income. For example, a yoga studio in Los Angeles went from charging a per visit fee of \$15, to charging clients an annual membership fee of \$1,200 (\$100 per month). The clients who came in more than seven times per month were better off, and the

revenue stream became more predictable, and therefore, safer and more valuable for a future buyer.

Silver Medal: No dependence on any one person. A common source of conflict is the immense dependence that most businesses have on one or two key employees (typically the owners). This means the buyers know that the business has very little value without the owner, and so they cannot afford to pay a premium for it. If, however, the owners have had the foresight to prepare the business to operate in their temporary absence, then it will probably continue with their permanent absence and any potential buyer will view that as a major risk removed.

How to improve: Remember there is an inverse relationship between your importance to the business and the value of the business. When you begin thinking about selling your company, start paring back your day-to-day responsibilities by delegating some of your work to others. That might involve hiring some additional staff or promoting some of your team.

Bronze Medal: Transferable Clients. If the clients are not willing to continue doing business with a new owner, then clearly the company has very little value. Focus on building clients loyal to the business rather than to any individual within the company (including you). The more certain a buyer is that clients will not object to new ownership, the more valuable the enterprise becomes.

How to improve: The key to having clients who remain loyal to the company is to build a strong brand. One easy way to do this is for the business owner to constantly emphasize the company and the team that supports every client rather than focusing on any one individual. After all, the new buyer will want to know that the clients belong to the business rather than to individuals.

Whether you're competing in the Olympics or running a business, preparation is as important as luck and talent. It's also the only thing that we entrepreneurs really have any control over. Those business owners who treat the selling of their business like a major event that requires serious preparation are invariably richly rewarded for their efforts.

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negotiation. Have someone who has been through a sale to consult with, whether it's a friend a lawyer or an accountant. Experience is immensely valuable in the negotiating process, and having someone knowledgeable to speak with will be invaluable.

4. Don't ignore the details, and do keep a sense of humor. When the negotiations start in earnest, make sure to keep the atmosphere light especially at crucial moments. It can be the difference between success and failure.

In Honor of All Fathers Page 1

In order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

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The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in

Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all, be honored on Father's Day.

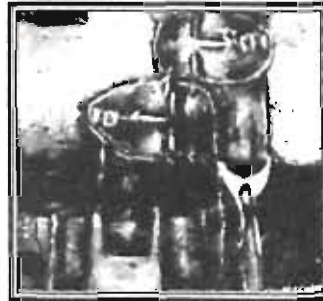
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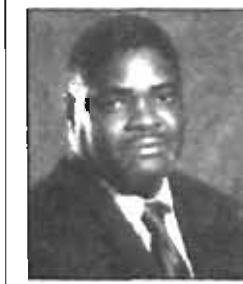
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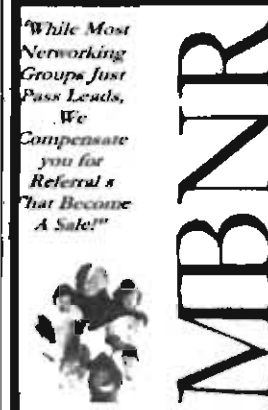
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Juneteenth Events

Dallas Juneteenth Freedom Celebration
The Dallas Historical Society, in collaboration with the African American Museum, is hosting a free public celebration on Saturday June 19 at the Hall of State Fair Park. Plans include a ceremony at 12:30 p.m. marking the occasion and explaining the importance of Juneteenth to citizens of all races. Union Performance Choir, Soloist Gregory Edgington, and Deep Ellum Jazz Guitarist KM Williams and his sidekick Washboard Jackson will be set up in the Hall of State. The celebration will also open an exhibit called "A Long Way Home" featuring the original Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves, Lincoln High School's exhibition of the L. Butler Nelson Memorial Park and Cemetery, "Silent Souls Speak" as well as numerous artifacts and documents from the Society's impressive collection. There will also be a Juneteenth Film Festival Round Table Panel Discussion in the Hall of State's Margaret and Al Hill Lecture Hall from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Stone Soul Picnic - A Juneteenth Celebration 2004
Radio One Dallas (KBFB and KSOC)- 94.5 K-Soul home of the "Tom Joyner in the Morning Show" and sister station 97.9 The Beat home of "The All New Steve Morning Show" presents the "3rd Annual Stone Soul Picnic - A Juneteenth Celebration 2004." That's right, it's back...the largest concert and free family day event of the year to the Dallas Ft. Worth metroplex at Fair Park of Texas on Saturday, June 19th at 10:00 am as Radio One Dallas kicks off the hottest summer bash in the area.
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African American Museum joins Stone Soul Picnic in Celebrating Juneteenth
This year the African American Museum is offering a 139th Juneteenth special. Take out a museum membership for \$139 dollars, and get an affiliate membership to the Smithsonian Institution, along with 39 museum bucks that can be applied to museum events. If you recently joined the museum at the \$100 dollar level, contribute another \$39 dollars and get your museum bucks.

Then join us at the African American Museum for its annual Juneteenth celebration, combined this year with the 4th annual Willie Mitchell Blues fest and Family Day. Hear local blues artists: R.L. Griffin, The Big Charles Young Show Band, Big Jack and the Conspiracy Band, Tu Tu Jones, and Blues Boy Willie.
The museum opens at 10a.m and Juneteenth festivities start at noon including an Arts and Crafts Village, A Treasure Hunt in the Galleries and Fun Foods for the Soul. The Blues Fest starts at 2:00 PM and runs until 7:00 PM
The Museum will be joined in celebrating Juneteenth by 94.5 K-Soul, 97.9 The Beat and the Stone Soul Picnic. They'll be closing out the evening with the Bar-Kays... This will be a Juneteenth you and the family won't want to miss, and best of all its FREE!!! For More information call 214 565-9026 extension 304.

Juneteenth Day in Fair Park Activities
Age of Steam Railroad Museum
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The Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park
Live scuba diving talks and special fish feeding will begin at 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. as well as a touch tank with pettable sea creature. Admission will be charged.
Dallas Museum of Natural History
Dinosaur Crafts and Dinosaur Movies will begin showing at 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission will be charged.
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The Women's Museum: An Initiative for the Future
The Women's Museum will

publish as much as possible and that one never knows what the future will be.
"Sometimes we have large numbers and sometimes the crowds are smaller, but we never know how many will come," Perry said.
"We hope that people will come out and take advantage of the free information," said Anusha Solomon.

Health Chair for the Mesquite Branch NAACP.
"We expect at least a hundred people to show and we just hope that those who were not able to come this year will come out next year."
The branch plans on sponsoring the event next year in an effort to inform and help the community gain health care awareness.

Although the crowd wasn't very large, NAACP members said they

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African American people have been discriminated... (transcription of text)

Maisha McCarmey a representative of the Million Women March was on hand to discuss the effects and dangers of illegal gun use. McCarmey handed out informational and asked about the importance of the ASK campaign which encourages parents to ask if there will be a gun in the homes where their children might be visiting.

McCarmey also said that a ban on assault weapons will be up in September of this year and the organization is trying to get signatures for a petition for Congress to pass the ban again.

"There are 19 semi-automatic weapons that are banned at this time. Many do not know that in 30 seconds out of these machines can fire out up to 50 bullets at a time. We are trying to increase awareness," McCarmey said.

Carter Blood Center was also a vendor at the event and spokespersons were expressing the need for African-American blood and bone marrow donors. Recent reports show a general shortage of blood, but according to statistics, chances for African-American matches are even lower.

Other vendors included a posture checkpoint station, free blood pressure checks offered by the Mesquite Fire Department and paramedics and a Unicare insurance booth.

Healthcare is not only about internal components. Warm Spun an independent bath and body company also offered free samples of its many products. Tomelka Smith, an independent consultant, says the products offer longer lasting results than most over the counter lotions and soaps.

She said one drop of the lotion goes much farther than several scoops of other brands. The company also features bath and shower gel with aromatic scents such as mango and citrus, which can soothe the skin as well as the nose.

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Arts & Entertainment

Rising Star Anthony Hamilton

"It's been a rocky road but I love it. I got more pain to sing about. I've seen a lot, I've experienced a lot. I've become a man. I have a few stripes. Ain't nothing like getting an a** whuppin' and to have something to shout about," country soul crooner Anthony Hamilton told BET.com "I have more power behind me."

When he recorded "Po' Folks," with Nappy Roots, he earned himself a Grammy for his countrified, heartfelt crooning. "A rapper's gonna sing it like a rapper." He said. "[I said] let me sing along with the hook. It made the difference that is needed."



However, the North Carolina native stated that he's been through several trials and tribulations before landing his deal with Jermaine Dupri's So So Def imprint.

"I started coming to New York in like '91. I started beating the streets and I met a guy named Mark Sparks. I made some noise and I got a showcase with everybody. Andre Harrell, Russell Simmons, Puffy and Biggie was there," he said.

However, after signing to Harrell's Uptown records, because he was the

"highest bidder," Hamilton's ambitions were again deferred through label drama. Hamilton went through several labels, including another venture from the Uptown CEO and MCA Records. Still, the journey was ahead of him until he got JD's father, who forwarded him to Dupri.

Hamilton explained his organic approach to music.

"I have like an alternative country type of sound. I have romantic sexy ballads - ghetto vibe, but it's still sexy. I have straight, go-to-church-cleanse-your-soul-ballads that speak about love and lost love and life," he expounded. "It's a collage of Anthony Hamilton, the man, the artist, the soul."

Hailing from North Carolina, he revealed his odd, but informative influences as "winos, the church dude, Bobby Womack, Al Green, Aretha Franklin, James Brown - a lot of the cats that did it before me."

But, with a decade long struggle, Anthony Hamilton assured he is set to be the next trendsetter.

"I can't be held back now. It's my time. God's prepared a lane for me," he finished.

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 Event: Juneteenth Film Festival Farewell Breakfast
 Location: Hyatt Regency
 Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 For more information contact: Tony Salters @ 214-731-1315.

Morris Day - Timeless

By Danyell Taylor

Flamboyant front man Morris Day leading the Time played an essential role in the development of the Minneapolis/Twin City dance club sound of the 1980s. From their origins as Prince's first pet project to their self-produced funk-rock oeuvre, the Time has been a fascinating and outrageous congregation. Vocalist, Morris Day infused his cocky, swaggering personality into dance hits that would make even legendary greats envious, and, unlike most of the competition, the band managed to do something unique with Prince's genre-busting innovations.



The Time first emerged in 1981 with a self-titled debut album. Their follow-up album, What Time Is It? yielded successful singles, earning the band a reputation for delivering funk-filled dance jams. In 1984 Morris Day and the Time were featured in Prince's film "Purple Rain" and released the hit single "Jungle Love." Shortly, after his success in Prince's autobiographical picture, lead man Day launched his solo career. During that period, Time members Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis established themselves as R&B production giants, crafting major talents such as Boyz II Men and Janet Jackson.

Luckily, in recent years Day has gone back to what he does best: fronting and leading the Time. The group reunited in 1990 to record their final album Pandemonium. The sounds of Morris Day and the Time are sure to deliver a funky good time for all.

SIZZLIN' SUMMER HITS

WEEK OF JUNE 7 - JUNE 13

- Top Ten Movies (Box Office Online)**
1. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
 2. The Chronicles of Riddick
 3. Shrek 2
 4. Garfield: The Movie
 5. The Stepford Wives
 6. The Day After Tomorrow
 7. Raising Helen
 8. Troy
 9. Saved!
 10. Mean Girls
- Top Ten CD's (Billboard)**
1. Usher, Confessions 4
 2. Ball & MJG, Living Legends
 3. Teena Marie, La Dona
 4. Method Man, Tical 0: The Prequel
 5. Kanye West, The College Dropout
 6. Prince, Musicology
 7. D12, D12 World
 8. Petey Pablo, Still Writing In My Diary: 2nd Entry
 9. Juvenile, Juve The Great
 10. Mario Winans, Hurt No More
- R&B/Hip-Hop**
1. Usher, Confessions 4
 2. Ball & MJG, Living Legends
 3. Teena Marie, La Dona
 4. Method Man, Tical 0: The Prequel
 5. Kanye West, The College Dropout
 6. Prince, Musicology
- Top Ten DVD Rentals (Blockbuster Video)**
- | DVD | VHS |
|--|--|
| 1. Mystic River | 1. Mystic River |
| 2. Along Came Polly | 2. Along Came Polly |
| 3. Monster | 3. Monster |
| 4. Eurotrip-Unrated | 4. Paycheck |
| 5. Paycheck | 5. The Last Samurai |
| 6. The Last Samurai | 6. Welcome to Mooseport |
| 7. Lord of the Rings: Return of the King | 7. Something's Gotta Give |
| 8. Scary Movie 3 | 8. Lord of the Rings: Return of the King |
| 9. Welcome to Mooseport | 9. Big Fish |
| 10. My Baby's Daddy | 10. Miracle |

Juneteenth Film Festival Page 2

Event: Radio One 97.9 The Beat and 94.5 KSoul's Steze Soul Picnic
 Location: Dallas Fair Park
 Time: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Free
 Event: The Juneteenth Film Festival Awards (presented by Merrill Lynch with special host, actor, comedian and director A.J. Jamal)
 With appearances by Kiki Shepard, Erykah Badu, Harry Lennix, Russell Hornsby and a special tribute to film director Bill Duke
 Location: Black Academy of Arts and Letters - Muse Café,

Dallas Convention Center
 Time: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 (Special VIP Reception @ 6:30 PM)
 Event: 4th Annual Sankofa Café & Juneteenth Film Festival Spoken Word After Party
 Location: Black Academy of Arts and Letters - Muse Café
 Time: 10:00 PM - Midnight, exclusive to VIP and Invitation Patrons
 Sunday, June 20, 2004
 Event: Juneteenth Film Festival Farewell Breakfast
 Location: Hyatt Regency
 Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 For more information contact: Tony Salters @ 214-731-1315.

Live In Concert

Don Diego Fingerprints
 4pm Start 8pm Start

Friday, June 18th & Saturday, 19th at Fred Moore Park
www.dentonjuneteenth.org

Miss Juneteenth Pageant
 Saturday, June 12, 2004, 8:30 p.m.
 University of North Texas, Lincoln Building (Cyclops Room)
 Admissions: \$5/individual and \$25/corps
 Both Annual Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Program. Connections complete for scholarship awards and prizes to a national level, talent and acting grand competition.

Gospel Extravaganza
 Friday, June 18, 2004, 8:00 p.m.
 C.H. Collins Activity Stage in Fred Moore Park
 Live gospel music in and performed by our very own Pastor 2002 Ms. Tanya Sumter, Chelisa Hoggins.

Softball Tournament
 Friday, June 18 & 19, 2004
 Fred Moore Park Ballfields. Entry fee - \$175
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Juneteenth Parade
 Saturday, June 19, 2004
 Charles and Louise DeWitt
 at the Civic Center parking lot, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 The parade leaves the Civic Center at 10 a.m., ending its way through the city streets (various neighborhoods) to Fred Moore Park. Free admission for the parade at large.

Juneteenth Celebration
 Live in Concert Jazz Legend Don Deigo & Jazz Band Legend Fingerprints
 Saturday, June 19, 2004, 11 a.m.
 at Fred Moore Park
 The celebration kicks off with the parade through the neighborhoods to the park and the celebration of the parade winners. The celebration is a day filled with fun and excitement for the whole family. There will be food, music, live bands, vendors and booths, children's games, a talent show, prizes and much more.

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president and his friends are raping this country's economy and robbing the consumers and hard working people who live here.

The latest in-your-face discovery is the audio tape recording of Enron employees bragging about how they ripped-off "Grandma Millie" and how they knew what they were doing was wrong but, as one said, "I'll just be a good soldier so I won't have to go to jail but once." The boastful proud, abusive, and treacherous men on the tape actually laughed at their ability to cause the energy prices for consumers in California to rise to a level one of them described as "\$250 per kilowatt hour."

They knew they were doing wrong; they knew they were stealing from people, but they did it, without remorse, and laughed and joked about it on tape, even though they knew their conversation was being recorded. How brash is that? How arrogant is that? These men worked for Ken Lay, the King of Enron, who is one of Bush's friends and one of Cheney's men. Maybe that's why he has not bitten the dust in court yet.

What malevolence; what maliciousness; what immorality; what wickedness we see in "high places." This, indeed, let's us know that we are not fighting against flesh and blood. These guys could very well be signals to us that the end is very near. They are the epitome of unrighteousness, as far as I am concerned.

How about Halliburton? You remember, Cheney's company, the one with which he declared he had no "financial ties." This company and its crooks get no-bid contracts from the Bush administration and immediately

start stealing from the taxpayers by overcharging for their gasoline. What an irony! High gasoline prices in Iraq.

All the president's men export high paying jobs to Iraq by destroying the infrastructure of that country, and then give billions of dollars in contracts to Cheney's company, Halliburton, to fix what they broke. Men and women willing to put their lives at risk for six-figure salaries must chase those jobs by going to Iraq, maybe to be kidnapped, tortured, maimed, or slaughtered like Nick Berg. All of this on top of the president's edict to lock up Americans, indefinitely and without access to due process, because he and his men decide "certain" citizens are threats.

Another one of the president's men, Ahmad Chalabi, has been paid more than \$40 million dollars for services rendered. He was a crook when they began to use him, at least that's what Jordanian officials said, yet the Bush administration put him into the top job in Iraq, no doubt to do their bidding. Chalabi is now under investigation by the FBI for giving information to that other country in Bush's "Axis of Evil," Iran. What a circle of friends our president has.

So what will we do about this group? How will we respond to their increasing control of economic resources and the very freedom we hold so dear? They have shown us their disdain for ethics, justice, and humility, and they have dug-in for four more

years of even more shenanigans. Will we continue to put up with their treachery, or will we put an end to this madness?

I don't know what we will do, but I know what we should do? First, we must admit that we have gotten ourselves into a terrible situation, and George Bush should put his swagger aside and do the same. Then, we must understand the spiritual ramifications of what is taking place in these "last days." And finally, we must make sure that in November 2004, this dishonest, greedy, arrogant group of men is sent packing, back to wherever they came from, never to be in charge again. Because, as we are admonished in 2nd Timothy 3:5, they have a "form" of godliness, but they deny the power of godliness, and we must "have nothing to do with them."

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and has written several books, including: Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement - We have a Choice; Blackonomics; and his soon-to-be-released book, Black-o-Knowledge. Stuff we need to know. Contact him at www.blackonomics.com or 513/489-4132.

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offer 50% off admission from 12:00 pm to 5 pm. In honor of Juneteenth, a scavenger hunt of the exhibits will be available to visitors, highlighting the accomplishments made by African American women. The Women's Museum is also a venue for the Juneteenth Film Festival. For more information on the festivals, visit www.juneteenthfilmfestival.com. Admission will be charged.

Buchanan's Antique Market
Festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Garland

The City of Garland Parks and Recreation Department will host its Juneteenth Celebration at the Gale Fields Recreation Center. Festivities will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"Juneteenth: A Part of Texas History" will include a special presentation on the history of Juneteenth from the NAACP Garland Branch Youth, entertainment from the jazz band, Chill Factor, the Dance Depot, the South Garland Folkloric Dancers, gospel music and more. Information from local civic and service organizations will also be available.

Join the City of Garland for food, fun and entertainment for the entire family.

Hamilton Park

Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center, located at 12225 Willowdell Dr. in Hamilton Park, will be the site for Juneteenth and "50" Years Community Birthday Celebrations.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with a community parade. The honorable, Dr. Robert Price will be the grand marshal, followed by a procession of city officials.

Of course, there will be plenty of food, fun and games for everyone. You will want to come see the historical displays by Hamilton Park Civic League members.

"Fairy Street Marna" will be expecting you and we do mean YOU! ALL are invited to come. Festivities will end at 3:00 p.m. For more information please

contact 214-670-6282.

Denton

The City of Denton will host the 31st Annual Juneteenth Celebration Saturday, June 19 at Fred Moore Park in Denton. The celebration is set to kick-off at 11 a.m. and will feature a talent show, prizes and much more. The family can also enjoy food, music, live bands and children's games. Live performers include R&B vocalist Yodchai, Mahogany, Young Hustlaz, The Ferrowz, Don Diego and Finger Prints.

Additional scheduled activities include the following:

- **Gospel Extravaganza** 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 18 Fred Moore Park
- **Softball Tournament** June 18 - 19 Fred Moore Park Ball Fields Entry Fee: \$175
- **Juneteenth Parade** 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19 Civic Center Parking Lot, 321 E. McKinney

City Officials also announced that Southwest Mobile Advertising will handle all of the marketing and promotions for the event. Edrick Laney, principal and president of SMA, says that he is pleased to be working with the City of Denton for the third year in a row.

"Southwest Mobile Advertising and the city have a good working relationship," he said. "We are proud to be working on this event which celebrates an important part of our history."

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. On June 19, 1865, more than two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Union soldiers, led by General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas. One of Granger's first orders of business was to read the people of Texas, General Order No. 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."

For more information on the City of Denton Juneteenth Celebration, visit

www.dentonjuneteenth.org.

SMA was founded by two brothers and is a full service grassroots promotion firm that specializes in marketing to African Americans. Its team of highly skilled and experienced marketing professionals is dedicated to the design and implementation of experiential marketing programs that establish lasting emotional links between leading brands and targeted consumers. Since it began in 1998, SMA has worked on campaigns for the Dallas Cowboys, Proline-International, Anheuser-Busch, Gold's Gym, Seagram's Gin, Martell Cognac, Remy Martin, Smoothie King, Proctor & Gamble, City of Dallas, City of Denton, Bayou Classic, State Fair Classic, Universal Records, EMI Distribution and Texas Summer Music Conference to name a few. SMA is the first African American marketing firm to execute a mobile advertising campaign for the Dallas Cowboys.

Mesquite

Mesquite NAACP will host a Juneteenth Talent Explosion from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Eastfield College Performance Hall at Building F. Eastfield College is located at 3737 Motley Dr., Mesquite, TX. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Plano

NOON - 2PM
Information/Resource Fair (Thomas Gymnasium)

NOON - 3PM
Juneteenth Art Project Sponsored by "The Classics"

1 - 3 PM
Tic-Toc the Clown/ Youth Activities and Games

2 - 3 PM
Juneteenth Celebration Program

5 - 7 PM
1st Annual Young Ladies of Distinction Pageant (Plano Senior Center)

7 - 10 PM
3rd Annual Old School vs. New School Basketball Challenge

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Contract 0196-03-232 for SIGN REPAIR/REPLACING IN DALLAS County will be opened on July 08, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.
Contract 2964-01-024 for CONSTRUCTION SH 985 INTERCHG. - PHASE 2 in DALLAS County will be opened on July 09, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 30 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dts.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 13412

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Dist/Div Office(s)

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Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents, and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Through the eyes of a Pastor, A moment with Pastor Leslie Smith

By E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.
 In 1983, Leslie Smith received salvation in his life. Six years later, God called him to lead a small community of believers. Pastor Leslie Smith and his family are one of the founding families that started North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship on September 12, 1989. NDCBF started with 15-20 families who wanted to be a New Community for Christ. NDCBF has a vision of being a very Bible centered and Christ centered church. "Our main thrust is on families," said Smith. Pastor Smith was born and raised in Ruston, Louisiana. Smith pursued his undergraduate studies at

Grambling State University which is located just five miles from Ruston. He graduated with a degree in Mathematics. Upon graduation, Pastor Smith married his college sweetheart. They will be married 35 years this July. The Smith's have 2 adult children, one of which, works in ministry at the North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship. The church was built on the teachings of the Word of God. Since the inception of the ministry, NDCBF has experienced explosive growth in membership as well as discipleship, yet the focus is not to become famous but to grow the people that they have. Senior Pastor Smith and the ministerial staff received training from Dallas

Theological Seminary. Smith obtained his master's and doctorate from Dallas Theological Seminary. North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship is an elder led independent bible congregation. Pastor Smith says that, "North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship is best known for being missions focused." NDCBF has a half-million dollar budget to support and send out missionaries all over the world to preach the gospel. NDCBF is a multi-racial and multi-cultural church. In 2001, the church transferred the focus on becoming the New Community to "Becoming a 1st Century Church in a 21st Century World." NDCBF is a church that strives to be a spiritual oasis for those who hunger and thirst for the Truth. NDCBF exists to: Exalt the Savior, Equip and Encourage the Saints, and to Evangelize the



Pastor Leslie Smith

Sinner. One of the greatest highlights of this ministry is the children's ministry. "We have committed 15,000 of 60,000 square feet to children's ministry," Smith said. NDCBF teaches 300-400 children on Sunday mornings. "From the cradle to the sixth grade, we want to see that everyone has a relationship with Jesus Christ," says Smith. Another highlighted ministry at the church is a non-profit organization called Operation Oasis. The main focus of Operation Oasis is to help ex-offenders to reconnect in the community. North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship has worship services on Sunday Mornings

in 2 locations. At the main facility on Sherman Street, there are 3 worship services. One of those services is a closed circuit transmission at the old location on Centennial and Greenville. Essentially, there are two services going on at 9:30am. North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship has grown from 15 families to over 1800 families and 4500 members in 15 years. NDCBF will celebrate 15 yrs of ministry this September. In the spring of 2005, NDCBF will plant a new church in the Wiley-Sachse area. It will be called North East Bible Church where Rev. Robert J. Rice will be the senior pastor. For more information, visit www.NDCBF.org

City Hall Park Lawn, 1500 Manila Street, Downtown Dallas. For more information, please contact 214-372-1021. Unified Ministries for Christ Rev. Tony Franklin, Sr. P.O. Box 822904 Dallas, TX 75382-2904 214-372-1021

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 June 19, 7:30 pm & June 20, 4:00 pm
 Session Singers Anniversary @ the New Friendship Baptist Church, 619 North Lancaster, Lancaster, TX 75146
 June 27, 3:00 pm
 Friends & Family Day Services @ the Straightway MBC, 400 South 15th Street, Corsicana, TX 75110
 July 20 - 22, 7:30 pm

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