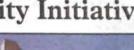


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19, 1865 the Union soldiers under Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free. It was two and a half years after Lincoln issued Juneteenth celebration in Austin's Eastwoods Park, 1900 The Emancipation Proclamation which had little impact on Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new executive order. However, with the surrender of ance. General Lee in April of 1865 and the arrival of

Collin County Courthouses Enhance Security Initiatives

Persons who travel to Collin County for jury duty or other business will soon be greeted by enhanced security at two McKinney courthouses beginning June 15, 2006. "Following September 11th and unrelated security incidents at Texas courthouses, our law enforcement leaders, including the Sheriff's Office, along with officials in our court systems, proposed enhanced mechanisms to prevent harm or injury to our staff and visitors," explained Collin County Judge Ron Harris. "Our various law enforcement groups have formed a partnership to improve safety. These mechanisms may be a new and surprising sight for our visitors, but they will know that safety is our top priority." The 210 South McDonald Street Courthouse and the University Drive Courts Facility, both in McKinney, will have metal detectors and



skilled and trained in all aspects of diagnostic and interventional cardiovascular procedures. He is required to complete 36 hours of continuing educational units on a triennial basis to remain an "active" RCIS credential

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Davenport has worked at Medical Center of McKinney for over two years. Before moving to Dallas, he was enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served as a cardiovascular technologist at Walter Reed Medical Center.

"Receiving RCIS credentials was one goal I set when I came to Medical Center of McKinney," Davenport said. "I am proud to have achieved this. As far as patient care, my feeling has always been to give each patient my best expertise and care."



The American Red Cross Blood Services Southwest Region - Texas appointed Calvin Smith as Executive Director. Smith brings extensive experience in community relations, strategic planning, and staff and business development.

"I'm looking forward to bringing my knowledge and background to the American Red Cross," Smith said. "I am also excited to work with Red Cross employees and donors in

the state of Texas. Working together, we will continue to fulfill the Red Cross Biomedical Service mission by providing life-saving blood to patients in our community."

Smith has been a member of the executive team of The United Way of Metropolitan Dallas for 31 years. Smith's position is effective immediately and he will report directly to Don Webb, the Vice President of the South Central Division.

"Calvin Smith is a proven business leader and we are excited to have him join the Red Cross,"Webb said. "He will provide outstanding leadership in areas that are important to the growth and development of our organization."

Smith is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University and also completed curriculum in the national Academy of Voluntarism through the United Way of America system.

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SCLC's 'New Day And New Way'

By: Stan Washington This isn't your father's SCLC.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which just a few short years ago was on life-support, is now charging forward with renewed vigor under the leadership of its energetic president Charles Steele Jr.

Not only has the Atlanta-based organiza- SCLC President Charles Steele Jr. tion tion rebounded financially from years ago, Dimona, Israel and Dayton, but it has now expanded its services internationally, Steele announced recently during a media briefing at Paschal's Restaurant.

"We know how to march, how to picket, how to shut you down, but with our partners

Ohio in 2005, and has plans to establish 50 domestic and 10 international centers in the next four years. SCLC's New Day Page 5

New Hospital Planned For Mesquite

Plans are under way for a third hospital in and CEO of the privately Mesquite, a 60-bed facility scheduled to open sometime in 2008.

The \$54.1 million Texas Regional Medical Center will have private patient rooms, eight labor and delivery suites, an emergency department, a heart catheterization laboratory and a diagnostic imaging center. The general hospital, operated by Richardson-based Rockwall Hospitals, Inc. and its affiliates and co-owned with a group of local physicians, is expected to begin construction in early 2007. It could be open in mid-2008.

The physicians will have a majority stake in the full-service hospital's ownership and management, said Mark Kennedy, president

held Rockwall Hospitals, Inc. (RHI)

"Rockwall and our physician organizers believe this hospital will provide a much needed option for both patients and physicians in the greater Mesquite/East Dallas neighborhoods," Kennedy said.

More than 100 physicians from various specialties have expressed interest in investing.

"There's been high inter-Mesquite Hospital Page 11



x-ray machines installed. Residents and persons doing business with the county will be required to enter checkpoint areas with metal detectors.

McDonald Street Courthouse visitors will need to enter the north side of the building beginning June 15, 2006. Visitors to the University Drive Courts facility will be required to enter the main entrance on the west side of the building. However, visitors to the county's motor vehicle area may enter and exit the building on the northeast side without needing to go through a checkpoint area.

The City Of Garland Summer Food Program **Ready To Serve Children**

School's out for the summer, and that means hundreds of Garland children will be looking for places they can meet their friends, have fun and eat healthy snacks and meals. The City of Garland's Summer Food Service Program is ready to meet the demand.

The City of Garland's Human Resources Department



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Think Your Teens Know All Your Rules? Are You Willing To Bet Their Futures On It?

As a parent, you know that your teens need your guidance to help them make the right choices in life and steer them in the right direction. It is up to you to set the rules, enforce the rules and communicate with teens regularly about choices that impact their lives. Every day, teens are faced with multiple decisions, from who to hang out with to whether or not to engage in

drug use, drinking, smoking, or sex.

With marijuana being the most commonly used drug among teens, it is important to have an open dialogue and firm rules about marijuana usage and many of the issues that teens encounter. Don't assume that your teens know or don't need to be reminded about the risks and negative consequences associated with their actions, particularly when they are bombarded with powerful influences like peer pressure and mixed messages from movies, music, and video games.

Today is a good day to remind your teens where you stand. The lines of c o m munication are key, so talk to them. Make your expectations clear—drugs are NOT acceptable. Getting your teens to agree can help them earn your trust, which is something all teens want.

And remember to keep close tabs on your teens. They have many influences in their lives and they need you to help them navigate through life and make the right decisions. Know where your teens are and who they're with. Cell phones make it easier than ever to just "check in." It's not saying that you don't respect their space or don't trust them. It's sending a clear message that you care.

Above all else, you are the number one influence in your teens' lives so lead by example because your teens are learning from you. Show the teens you love that actions speak louder than words. Set the rules, enforce the rules and talk to your teens about risky behaviors and consequences. Ensure that your teens have a future that is filled with hope and success.

Signed,

- American Legacy Foundation
- American Lung Association
- Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol-Free
- NAACP
- National African American Tobacco Prevention Network
- National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

National Medical Association

- National Urban League (N.U.L.)
- Partnership for a Drug-Free America
- The National Council of Negro Women
- United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

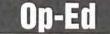
Office of National Drug Control Policy

For more tips and support on parenting your teen, call 1-800-788-2800 or visit www.theantidrug.com

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I have never agreed with the phrase, "perception is reality". I used to argue with a former manager that "perspective is reality" is actually a more accurate statement. The basic concept being that the way you look at something determines your perspective, or to quote something I read once: "when you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."

Someone needs to get this quote to Bill Cosby.

While I respect his philanthropy and his controversial opinions about black self-determination through self-respect and decency, I have to disagree with some recent comments Mr. Cosby made during his commencement address at Spelman College in Atlanta.

"You have to know that it is time for you all to take charge," Cosby told the graduates of the prestigious women's university. "You have to seriously see yourselves not as the old women where the men stood in front and you all stood behind, because the men, most of them are in prison. You've got to get serious because our race depends upon you and your sisters graduating across the United States to realize that what's left is you."

Cosby continued by noting "the same male students who are dropping out of high school have memorized the lyrics of very difficult rap songs...And they know how to send their sperm cells out and then walk away from the responsibility of something called fatherhood."

Wow. In two statements, Bill Cosby managed to offend previous generations of black women, every black man NOT in prison, and an entire generation of black youth. His statements ignored the efforts and potential of every black person in this country and he disparaged them by sum- people for generations.

Black Men In America: Perspective Is Reality

marizing that our collective fate rests on the shoulders of a few thousand women graduates of Spellman College.

In the words of Mike Tyson, that's ludicrous.

I understand the basic point Mr. Cosby is trying to make, we must expect more of every black person in this country in order to move us all forward. The old methods are not going to work; the problems facing us require higher commitments and a low tolerance for behavior that is counterproductive to our struggle.

My problem is Cosby's comments skirt around the symptoms without getting to the root of the disease. Here are just a few statistics cited in the Washington Post's insightful Being a Black Man series which began last week:

A black man is more than six times as likely as a white man to be slain.

Black men are nine times as likely as white men to die from AIDS, and life expectancy for black men is 69.2 years-more than six years shorter than that of white men.

Once they leave school, nearly 75% of black men in their twenties are jobless or incarcerated, black youth have the highest unemployment rate in the country.

Would someone please explain to me how telling the Spelman graduates to take charge because they are all that is "left" for our race is going to change those statistics?

In a couple of sweeping generalizations, Bill Cosby dooms 18 million black men in this country to a bleak future with no hope. Rather than talk about support and development of young black men, Cosby gives up on them by marginalizing them as a group. Cosby's statements possess a disturbing undertone of disgust for the black male that it is ingrained in America's racist past; while they also hint of a racial selfattempting to better pur met, hatred that bas haunted black (Paul Hailey) can be reached at

If white people subconsciously think of black males as out of control beasts that can only rap, commit crimes and impregnate young women-what does it say about the rest of us when we start to agree with that view?

Sociologist Michael Males recently pointed a fact that is often overlooked in these discussions, "Younger black America today is struggling admirably against massive disinvestments in schools, terrible unemployment, harsh policing and institutional prejudices, and they're succeeding amazingly well. They deserve respect, not grown-up tantrums."

What we need for young black men to be successful is for successful older black men to reach out and help mentor our youth. More than half of the nation's 5.6 million black boys live in fatherless households, and they don't need anyone else telling them they can't or won't be successful and productive. They get enough of that whenever they turn on the television or listen to male-bashing black women (can you say Oprah?). What they need and deserve is positive reinforcement. We have to positively alter the images; the perceptions that exists in our society about all black men, young and old.

In 1987 Cosby and his wife, Camille gave \$20 million to Spelman, a heroic gesture that should be applauded. However, I wonder how much money Bill Cosby has given to mentoring programs that help to solve the very issues with black men that he communicated to the Spelman graduates.

If we change our perspective and look at the issues with ourselves, our youth and our men differently; then the issues will begin to change. That will only happen if we are looking at those issues from the inside and not from the high horse Bill Cosby is on.

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Erin Aubry Kaplan: Is Black-**Brown Unity Even Possible?**

ences have been suppressed, not

By: Erin Aubry Kaplan

The Immigrant-rights movement, in addition to raising anxiety among blacks, has also renewed hopes for a black-Latino alliance. This is a lovely idea. It is also doomed to fail.

The mission of the moment the subject of panels and forums flowering all over town — is how to bring together two ethnic groups that, after all, share so much: neighborhoods, public schools, economic struggles, experiences of racial bias. Coalitionists argue that blackbrown unity is not blind idealism but visible reality. We don't have to create it so much as point it out. Once we all recognize how much we have in common, the theory goes, we'll be on more equal footing and better able to augment each other's political strengths. There will be a formidable front of people of color better able to effect changes that benefit us all.

The problem with this ideal is not just that it is simplistic. It also overlooks the same critical gray areas ignored by people such as homeless activist Ted Hayes, who persists in his campaign to get blacks to join the Minuteman Project, which monitors the U.S.-Mexican border. In the matter of black-brown alliances, the devil - and deliverance - has always been in the details.

The unity is seductive on the surface, but how deep does it go? Blacks and Latinos have different experiences and ideas - not only about what America is but about what it means. And these differ-

examined or celebrated, by the cult of multiculturalism that dominates race relations and fuels the renewed call for blackbrown unity. It gets even more complicated.

Though blacks and Latinos live peaceably side by side in South L.A. and elsewhere, for example, blacks are alarmed by the steady erosion of the last of the city's black neighborhoods. Latino immigrants are not intentionally pushing us out; they are simply living where it's feasible. And many of us have left our neighborhoods voluntarily, fleeing the urban rat race for the (supposedly) greener pastures of the outlying 'burbs or even the "new" old South. Still, it feels as if we are being pushed out, and we react - not well, for the most part. But there you have it.

Many blacks also feel as if they've been pushed out of jobs that then go to Latino immigrants. But what's too often overlooked is that the immigrants didn't do the pushing, the employers did.

For many employers, illegal immigration is a double winner. They get to hire cheap labor, and they don't have to hire blacks, whom they were loath to hire in the first place. It's true that there aren't many black parking valets or hotel maids anymore. But thanks to racist American labor practices, they never had a foothold in the better-paying trades - carpentry, plumbing and electrical work that Latinos now dominate.

Blacks and Latinos took to the streets in the 1992 riots, which were sparked by a sense of injustice and a lack of ownership in South L.A. But when the smoke cleared and there was a need for community rebuilding, it was Latinos who benefited more from the construction boom. Blacks made some attempts to ensure equal participation, with little success. The bitterness of that experience lingers.

In the documentary "The New L.A.," a narrator describes how, until the mid-1980s or so, most of the janitors working in Century City and downtown were African American. As immigration peaked, many of those janitors were fired and replaced by Latinos willing to work for half the pay and fewer benefits. The narrator only mentions this as a prelude to a discussion of the Justice for Janitors movement, the triumphant union organizing campaign that inaugurated Latino civic involvement.

Everyone wants justice for janitors, of course, including me. But I was left asking: What happened to all those black janitors? What about that justice? It's a question that has few takers.

None of this negates the real things black and brown folks have in common, or the need for unity. (In fact, it makes that need much clearer.) But before coming together, we have to look unflinchingly at the forces keeping us apart.

Why White People Are Afraid

By: Robert Jensen

It may seem self-indulgent to talk about the fears of white people in a white-supremacist society. After all, what do white people - ically. really have to be afraid of in a world structured on white privilege? It may be self-indulgent, but it's critical to understand because these fears are part of what keeps many white people from confronting ourselves and the sys-

any non-white immigrants) are American professor. I was talkgoing to keep moving to this ing about media; he was talking country and at some point about the culture's treatment of become the majority demograph-

maintain a disproportionate share | sat next to him. I felt uneasy. I of wealth, those numbers will eventually translate into political, able around him, but I wasn't economic, and cultural power. completely And then what? Many whites fear During the question-andthat the result won't be a system answer period -- I don't rememthat is more just, but a system in which white people become the minority and could be treated as whites have long treated nonwhites. This is perhaps the deepest fear that lives in the heart of whiteness. It is not really a fear of non-white people. It's a fear of the depravity that lives in our own hearts: Are non-white people capable of doing to us the barbaric things we have done to them? A final fear has probably always haunted white people but has become more powerful since the society has formally rejected overt racism: The fear of being seen, and seen-through, by non-white people. Virtually every white person I know, including white people fighting for racial justice and including myself, carries some level of racism in our minds and hearts and bodies. In our heads, we can pretend to eliminate it, but most of us know it is there. And because we are all supposed to be appropriately anti-racist, we carry that lingering racism with a new kind of fear: What if nonwhite people look at us and can see it? What if they can see through us? What if they can look past our anti-racist vocabulary and sense that we still don't really know how to treat them as equals? What if they know about us what we don't dare know about ourselves? What if they can see what we can't even voice?

the sexuality of black men. As we talked, I paid attention to; Even though whites likely can what was happening in me as I had no reason to be uncomfortcomfortable. ber what question sparked my comment -- I turned to him and said something like, "It's important to talk about what really goes on between black and white people in this country. For instance, why am I feeling afraid of you? I know I have no reason to be afraid, but I am. Why is that?" My reaction wasn't a crude physical fear, not some remnant of being taught that black men are dangerous (though I have had such reactions to black men on the street in certain circumstances). Instead, I think it was that fear of being seen through by non-white people, especially when we are talking about race. In that particular moment, for a white academic on an O.J. panel, my fear was of being exposed as a fraud or some kind of closet racist. Even if I thought I knew what I was talking about and was being appropriately anti-racist in my analysis, I was afraid that some lingering trace of racism would show through, and that my black colleague would identify it for all in the room to see. After I publicly recognized the fear, I think I started to let go of some of it. Like anything, it's a struggle. I can see ways in which I have made progress. I can see that in many situations I speak more freely and honestly as I let go of the fear. I make mistakes, but as I become less terrified of making mistakes I find that I can trust my instincts more and be more open to critique when my instincts are wrong. Robert Jensen is a journalism professor at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the author of, most recently, The Heart of Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism and White Privilege (City Lights Books), from which this essay is

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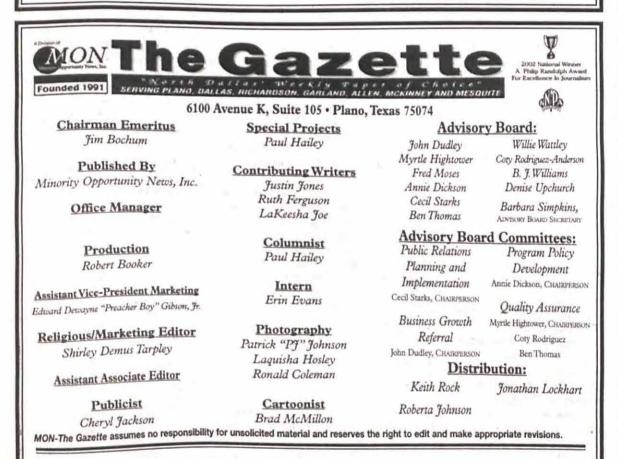
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity! MON-The Gazette formally Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991,by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

The first, and perhaps most crucial, fear is that of facing the fact that some of what we white people have is unearned. It's a truism that we don't really make it on our own; we all have plenty of help to achieve whatever we achieve. That means that some of what we have is the product of the work of others, distributed unevenly across society, over which we may have little or no control individually. No matter how hard we work or how smart we are, we all know - when we are honest with ourselves - that we did not get where we are by merit alone. And many white people are afraid of that fact.

A second fear is crasser: White people's fear of losing what we have - literally the fear of losing things we own if at some point the economic, political, and social systems in which we live become more just and equitable. That fear is not completely irrational; if white privilege - along with the other kinds of privilege many of us have living in the middle class and above in an imperialist country that dominates much of the rest of the world - were to evaporate, the distribution of resources in the United States and in the world would change, and that would be a good thing. We would have less. That redistribution of wealth would be fairer and more just. But in a world in which people have become used to affluence and material comfort, that possibility can be scary. A third fear involves a slightly different scenario - a world in

which non-white people might someday gain the kind of power over whites that whites have long monopolized. One hears this constantly in the conversation about immigration, the lingering fear that somehow "they" (meaning not just Mexican-Americans and Latinos more generally, but

I work in a large university with a stated commitment to racial justice. All of my faculty colleagues, even the most reactionary, have a stated commitment to racial justice. And yet the fear is palpable.

It is a fear I have struggled with, and I remember the first time I ever articulated that fear in public. I was on a panel with several other professors at the University of Texas discussing race and politics in the O.J. Simpson case. Next to me was an African excerpted

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Community Spotlight

CityArts Celebration Free Fun Throughout The Weekend

Three was the magic number for this year's third annual CityArts Celebration presented by TXU Energy, which brought more than 60,000 visitors through the Dallas' Art District for a weekend full of FREE family fun.

"This year, CityArts arrived

as a major festival in Dallas," culinary demonstrations by incredible storytelling and var- of the largest urban arts dissaid Bill Semper, president of 500 Inc., a sponsoring nonprofit cultural organization that spearheaded artist participation for this year's event. In addition to more Texas

artist booths, a variety of musical acts, a first-ever 5K run and some of Dallas' finest chefs. This year's festival provided an abundance of entertainment and things to do throughout the weekend. The children's Discovery area, sponsored by Medical City Hospital Dallas, captivated youngsters with

Lisy Lee performs on the Medical

Center Children's Hospital Stage.

ious hands-on activities.

"CityArts was designed to showcase the culinary, visual and performing arts of Dallas, and TXU Energy's continued commitment has enabled us to plan a free festival the entire family can enjoy in the heart

trict in the nation," said Phillip Jones, President/CEO of the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We intend to 'grow' this event to national and international prominence in the coming years and this year's attendance shows us

we're making great progress." Throughout the weekend, thousands of festival goers enjoyed free museum admission to the Dallas Museum of Art (DMA), the Nasher Sculpture Center and the Crow Collection of Asian Art.



(L to R) Carmela Booker and Beverly Booker prepare materials for their African Fabrics and Patterns exhibit.





Lisbon Elementary School performs on the AT&T Dance Stage.

Garland Celebrates Juneteenth Garland's Juneteenth celebra-

The City of Garland Parks and Recreation Department, the Office of Neighborhood Vitality, and the Urban League of Greater Dallas & North central Texas Garland Center are pleased to

sponsor the 2006 Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. The event will be held at the Gale Fields Recreation Center located at 1701 Dairy Rd., Point Shoot Out, a magic show, Garland.



Indian Cultural Heritage Foundation dancers perform on the AT&T Dance Stage.

tion will include free food and fun

for the entire familying featuring

the Chill Factor Jazz Band, 3

face painting and more.



Susan Taylor perform of the Trinity **River Blues Band perform** on the Tanqueray Stage.



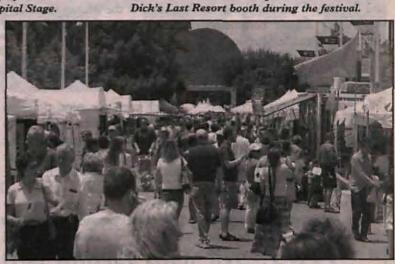
(L to R) Glorious Small and Lil Z perform on the Medical Center Children's Hospital Stage.

Victor Alexander operates the



Jamall Williams, Carter High School graduate perform on the Office of Cultural Affairs Stage. Jamall is a recent graduate of Carter High School and will be attending Baylor University on a Vocal Performance Scholarship.







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The Collin County Chapter of the American Women's Business Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney

Drums Not Guns will hold drumming sessions from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month thru mid-May at Old Settlers Park Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana St. Call 214-641-0782 for information

Tenant Free

Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglass Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistanceleague-gcc.org.

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Movie Under the Stars: A New Cinema Experience. Remember the fun you had at the "drive-in movie"? Well it's back, but without the drive-in part. So grab a blanket or low-back chair and come watch a Legal classic family movie under the stars

Park, 2801 East Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. For more information call 972-941-7250.

June 15

Plano Juneteenth Celebration, Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H,

Thursday -Sunday. Join in Plano's 2006 Juneteenth Celebration for three days of family fun, sports, live music, games and plenty of food! Thurs. 7p, Mr./Miss Juneteenth Contest/ Pageant -12th graders, Friday 7-9p Family Fun Fest games, trivia and prizes, 9-11p Blue Print - great live music with an "old-school" band, 11p-1a Dancing & Music - with a DJ, Sat. 2-3p Youth Challenge-relays and games, 3:30-5p, 3-on-3 Basketball Contest for ages 11 to 17 years, 7-9p, 6th Annual Old-School versus New-School Basketball Game

Pageant contact person is Charlette.Green@comcast.net and or call 214-227-8599. For more details, contact Alex Alexander at 972-941-7174.

Information Adoptions Seminar This seminar is for anyone interested in international adoption. We will be giving details about our programs in Vietnam, Guatemala, Russia and Kazakhstan. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Admission is Free.

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June 16 TBAAL presents...Comedy Shang, Spencer, Kool Bubba Ice, T.P. Hearn, Jay Lamont and Emmanuel Lewis. Clarence Muse Café Theatre: Dallas Convention Center on Friday and Saturday at 9:00 p.m. \$20.

Dallas Repertoire Dance presents "Leap! An Evening of Jazz and Contemporary Dance" featuring SoulEscape in the CountryWide Theatre at 8:00 p.m Friday and Saturday at the Eisemann Center in Richardson. Tickets range from \$15 - \$30. The Eisemann is located at 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, TX 75082. Call 972-744-4650 or go to eisemanncenter.com.

June 17

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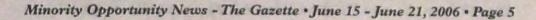
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Community Spotlight

CityArts Celebration Free Fun Throughout The Weekend

Three was the magic number for this year's third annual CityArts Celebration presented by TXU Energy, which brought more than 60,000 visitors through the Dallas' Art District for a weekend full of FREE family fun.

"This year, CityArts arrived

as a major festival in Dallas," culinary demonstrations by incredible storytelling and var- of the largest urban arts dissaid Bill Semper, president of 500 Inc., a sponsoring nonprofit cultural organization that spearheaded artist participation for this year's event.

In addition to more Texas artist booths, a variety of musical acts, a first-ever 5K run and

some of Dallas' finest chefs. This year's festival provided an abundance of entertainment and things to do throughout the weekend. The children's Discovery area, sponsored by Medical City Hospital Dallas, captivated youngsters with

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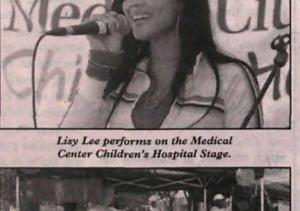
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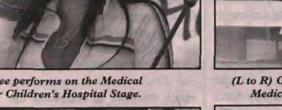
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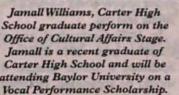




(L to R) Glorious Small and Lil Z perform on the Medical Center Children's Hospital Stage.

Victor Alexander operates the Dick's Last Resort booth during the festival.







(L to R) Gwendolyn Mayes and Susan Taylor perform of the Trinity **River Blues Band perform** on the Tanqueray Stage.





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Lisbon Elementary School performs on the AT&T Dance Stage.

Garland Celebrates Juneteenth

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Indian Cultural Heritage Foundation dancers perform on the AT&T Dance Stage.

Garland's Juneteenth celebration will include free food and fun for the entire familying featuring the Chill Factor Jazz Band, 3 Center located at 1701 Dairy Rd., Point Shoot Out, a magic show, face painting and more.

Ongoing

Chase Presents Jazz Under the Stars. Summer nights sizzle with cool jazz under the stars! Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy some of the finest artists on the jazz scene. Every Thursday, May 11-June 15th. Ross Avenue Plaza at the DMA, 8pm FREE

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The Collin County Chapter of the American Women's Business Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney

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Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistanceleague-gcc.org.

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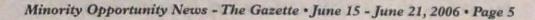
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Education **DCCCD Trustees Name Interim President At El Centro**

Dr. Wright Lassiter, chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, has announced the appointment of Edward DesPlas as interim president of El Centro College. Members of the DCCCD board of trustees approved the appointment during the group's regular monthly meeting in June. DesPlas most recently served as ECC's executive vice president. He succeeds Lassiter, who became the district's

chancellor following the resig- member in accountnation of Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon.

DesPlas, who joined El bachelor's degree in Centro in 1998, previously served as vice president of administrative services at Western Nebraska Community College. He held positions at several DCCCD locations, including Eastfield College, the district office and the LeCroy Center for Educational Telecommunications. He also

ing. DesPlas earned a

business administrafrom tion the University of Texas at Dallas and a master's degree in human resources and training from Amberton University. He participated in executive training at Harvard



Edward DesPlas (left), new interim president of El Centro College, with Dr. Wright Lassiter, chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District

has taught as an adjunct faculty University and **Collin Offers Workplace Spanish** Jourses

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The Business Solutions Groups offers on-site Workplace Spanish® programs for more than 20 industries, occupations and trades. All programs are designed to improve communication, teamwork and efficiency on the job.

tion at work, not academic proficiency," Amy Capshaw, marketing analyst for the Collin BSG, said. "Our courses use bite-size workplace terms and phrases in a simple, easy-to-understand format. No grammar, conjugation or prior Spanish experience is necessary.

"Emphasis is placed on learn-"Workplace Spanish ® classes ing Spanish terms and phrases shaw@ccccd.edu.

that are important to your job or business. You don't have to memorize the alphabet or learn irrelevant vocabulary. Classes are fun, energetic and interactive. Teaching methods include repetition, role-play and practice conversations," said Capshaw.

For additional information, Capshaw contact at 972.599.3130 or e-mail acap-

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advanced training at the Association of Community Colleges' Future Leaders Institute.

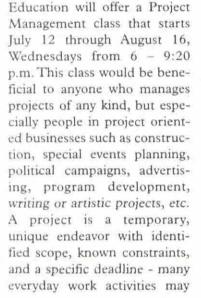
The new interim president's professional affiliations include the Texas Association of Community College Business Officers, the National Association of College and

University Business Officers and Community College Business Officers. He received NACUBO's 2001 Rising Star Award. In 2002, CCBO honored DesPlas with its International Outstanding Business Officer Award. The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development recognized him with its 2003 Excellence in Education Award.

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particular set of methods and techniques, and they are often contrasted and compared against the management meth-

even fit into this category.

ods of repetitive operations such as manufacturing operations," says instructor Jim Davis, a former instructor of project management at Collin County Community College and quality improvement project management for Motorola University, IBM, and the American Society for Quality. "Each has its own approaches for achieving effectiveness and efficiency.

ing environment, there are often tracking project progress. special projects, and then proj-"Managing projects requires a ect management methods would apply."

This 20 hour course is designed for students new to Microsoft Project, but familiar with Microsoft Office, or similar products, and possessing intermediate computer skills. Topics include computer and internet use for project management, overview of project management basic concepts, getting started with Microsoft Project 2003, tasks & linking, resources '(people, equipment & materials), connecting tasks with resources, However, even in a manufactur- printing your project plan, and

The course is priced unbelievably low compared to courses of this type offered in the DFW metroplex at only \$125. Eastfield is offering an easy introduction to project management with a very "learning friendly" training design for much less money.

To register, call Eastfield's Admissions Office at 972-860-7102 or visit www.eastfieldcollege.com

Eastfield College, one of the Dallas County seven Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.



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Urban League Host Juneteenth Festival In Pleasant Grove

Project Management Class At Eastfield College

The Urban League Community Service Center in Pleasant Grove will host a Juneteenth Community Festival and Job Fair on Thursday, June 15 at 10325 Lake June Road #118 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pretty Rickey and his crew from

Americans who grew up in American owner/operator of poverty. According to Brown, two McDonald's restaurants. his family was evicted ten He has appeared in numerous times, twice in one year. He newspapers and magazines and worked his way through featured on radio and TV pro-

"From Welfare to Faring Well". cess. The Chicago native is one immunizations for children His story is like many African of the youngest African

which will be provided by Dallas County Health and Human Services and a job fair.

Entertainment will include Miss Vicki Comedy Act, Lvnn Ross, jazz soloist, Dean Mills, Southern Illinois University as grams. His story is also fea- jazz saxophonist, Bigg C gospel a bus boy and waiter. "Welfare tured in Broadcaster Tavis rapper, La-Toria, a rapper and

live from the site.

A highlight of the event will be a Conversation with Kenneth Brown, a motivational speaker and author of

Williams Ends Campaign Page 1 racial, social, and even political lines," Williams said,

Williams has taken leave as president of the NAACP to focus on his campaign. If he wins the seat, he will not resume his position to avoid any conflicts of interest.

Although Juneteenth events will take place this weekend, Williams remains assured that his supporters who have not yet voted, will still turnout in the polls.

"If it were the fourth of July, then I definitely think it would have a larger impact," he said. "I

KRNB 105 FM will broadcast is a bridge over troubled Smiley's bestseller "Keeping way of life," he said.

Despite the insurmountable America." circumstances and extreme poverty he has achieved suc-

feel that those who traditionally wait to vote on Election Day will do so."

public safety and economic development.

Within the Garland Plan Commission, the developments for Firewheel Mall, the Wal-Mart at Interstate 30 and Belt Line, among other businesses were established. Williams hopes to expand on those developments to allow for more commercial spending in Garland.

"I want to build on quality developments to Garland," he said. "By increasing the commer-

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waters...it is not a lifestyle or the Faith: Stories of Courage, Healing and Hope for Black

> Other activities at the Juneteenth celebration include

cial tax base it should lower residential taxes."

Safety is also a top concern. Williams' platform focuses on He plans to expand the existing neighborhood policing system.

One important duty of a city council member is to represent their constituents and advocate positive changes within the community.

"I'm a servant," he said. "All of the work I've done has been on a volunteer basis."

As he nears the end of his campaign, Williams says he has the people's interest at heart.

"It's not my agenda but the people's that matters," he said.

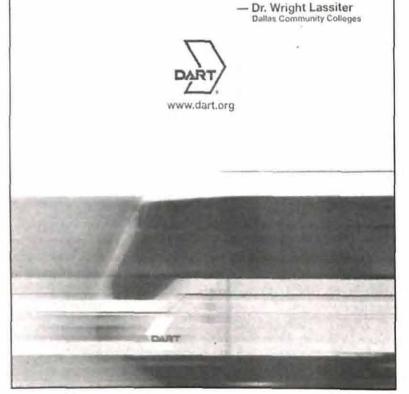
more. There will be plenty of food, fun and games including face painting and a magic show.

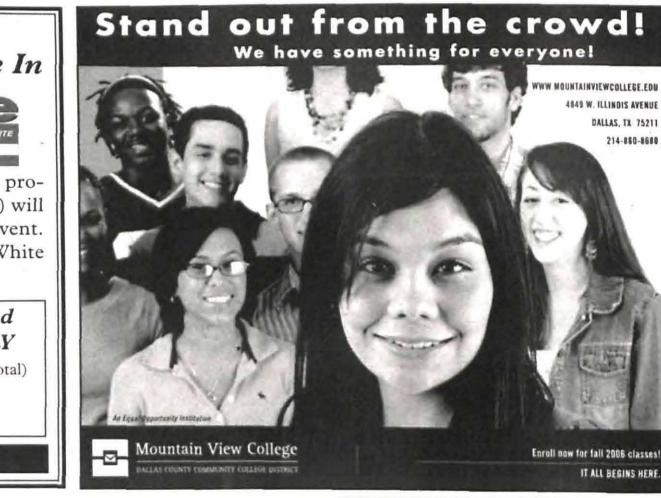
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"It's not about me, but about helping others improve their quality of life. We're a community of interest and I'm trying to bring people together for a common goal. It's for the good of the city of Garland."

District 4 is the five-square mile area west of Interstate 30 and east of West Centerville Road.

Voting precincts for District 4 are at Brandenburg Middle School, Montclair Elementary, Elementary, Vial Price Elementary and Lyles Middle School on June 17. Locations are subject to change.





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Celebrate Father's Day With Celebrated Classic By Dr. Larry C. Harris, It All Starts At Home

By: Rhonda L. Rudd

As the nation paces itself to pay tribute to and honor father's for the unconditional love and devotion they've extended to their families over the years, Larry C. Harris, MD, a pediatrician who resides in Fayetteville, N.C. has penned the classic parenting book, It All Starts at Home, that would be a fitting gift for any dad on Father's Day.

As a boy growing up in the south Harris tells a heartwrenching story about a family enduring the trials of life with a father and his unflinching dedication to his nine children. The book's foreword is by Harris' college buddy, Dr. Ben Carson, the renowned surgeon.

In 1951, Fred Harris II, Dr. Harris' father, was a platoon sergeant at Fort Bragg, N.C. For most dads one job would seemingly be enough. But Sergeant had to provide for his family. So he also earned extra money sewing chevrons on his troops fatigues.

Sergeant Harris was also a barber, a cab driver, a bouncer at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Club, and he worked at the bowling alley. And in doing all these things he always made time for his family, spending quality-time with his children.

"What I remember about my upbringing is that my mom and my dad didn't just talk to us about life, they

King Plans Carried Out Page 1

King was only five years old when her father was slain in 1968 in Memphis, Tenn.

The 100 Black Men has mentored thousands of chil-

lived the life they talked about," Dr. Harris said.

"Because dad put family first, he never considered doing anything too lowly or demeaning. Extra work meant that he could provide better for the family--my father set the example; it wasn't hard for me to follow," he said.

Dr. Harris recounts his dad's explanation of all the hard work: "Any honest job is a good one, if you do it right. Son, no matter what the task is, we Harrises do the best we can. Nobody does it better than we do."

Harris also remembers talking with his dad about a family that was on welfare: "We all have bad times, I guess. But this is one family that won't have to go on welfare. We take care of our own," Sergeant Harris spoke to his son Larry while sewing chevrons on for a nominal fee of 25 cents each.

Sergeant Harris never compromised his principles and morals and made sure that he didn't put his family at any disadvantage. When he was stationed in Germany he told the Harris clan: "We're all going. We're family, we stand together and we do things together."

After taking up residency in Germany in 1959, the Harris children had to endure peer pressure and an array of trials, but Sergeant Harris didn't fail to set an example while stationed there. Everyday he would come home and engage

in some form of leisurely dren since it began in 1986 with nine chapters. Now 10,000 members strong, the group focuses on mentoring, educa-

tion, health and wellness, and

economic development.

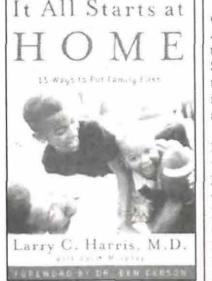
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Word of Life Church * Pastor Morris Dewayne Jackson 4321 N. Beltline Rd. Ste. 100 * Mesquite, TX 75150 * (972) 226-0019 Worship 8am * Sunday School 9:30am * Worship 11am Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7PM "Where Jesus Is Lord and You are always #1"

activity with the children including playing basketball with the boys. The neighbors didn't hesitate in sharing the respect and admiration they had for Ruth Harris' husband making reference to the fine example he set for other fathers.

Whether the father in your 21st century family is present or absent, stateside or abroad; busy, busy playing or playing busy, It All Starts At Home will be a gift that will celebrate, renew and refresh the mind of any father.

The book entitled It All Starts At Home: 15 Ways to Put Family First, By Dr. Larry C. Harris with Cecil Murphey, retails for \$12.99, and is available in Borders and Barnes and Nobles bookstores nationwide, and at Amazon.com. It is published and distributed by Grand Rapids-based, Revell, a' division of Baker Publishing. For more information or an interview with Dr. Harris, go to: www.itallstartsathome.com or contact Ministry Marketing Solutions at 248-426-2300. Rhonda Rudd is a Detroitbased free lance writer; her name is written in the history of Detroit's Wayne County as "The Most Influential African American Woman in Journalism, Year 2000." She is a 17-year veteran-newsprint feature-writer and business news columnist. More than 3,000 stories have been published in her career. You may email her at mrsrhondarudd1@yahoo.com.



Car Review

Riding with Minority Diversity

By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr. Riding on the high of the 2006 Black Enterprise's Entrepreneur Conference held in Dallas, Texas; for the third year in a row, I want to take a look at not just a single vehicle, but who's who behind the cars that journalists are eager to review.

For the better part of the 21st century, intellectuals, businessmen, and thinkers in our communities have been encouraging African Americans to do business with those that do business with us.

General Motors was the first company to appoint an African American to its board of directors, The Reverend Dr. Leon Sullivan in 1971. GM adopted the Sullivan Principles for quality corporate code of conduct and citizenship.

General Motors is an industry leader when it comes to diversity. For the past 12 years, GM has been the Title Sponsor of the Black Enterprise Entrepreneur's Conference. GM honored Mr. Ronald E. Hall, President of Bridgewater Interiors, as the 2005 Supplier of the Year. Last year, GM spent

5.6 Billion with U.S.-based Minority Suppliers. Black Enterprise honored Mr. Greg Jackson, as the 2005 BE Dealer of the Year.

On display at the Conference were nine 2006 vehicles and three 2007 vehicles: 2006 Saturn Sky, Pontiac G6, Pontiac Solstice, Cadillac DTS, Buick Lucerne, HUM-MER H3, Chevrolet Corvette, Saab 9-3, Saab 9-7x; 2007 Yukon Denali, Cadillac Escalade, Chevrolet Tahoe.



Mr. Ronald E. Hall, President of Bridgewater Interiors

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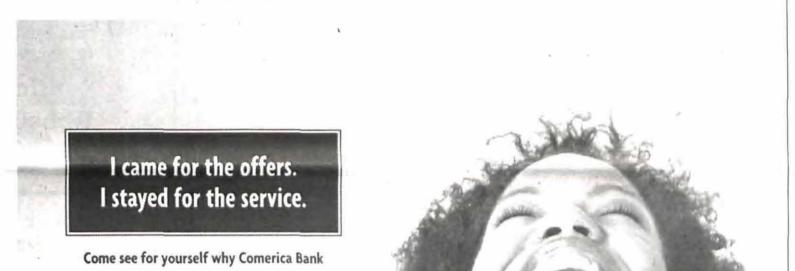
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MASS, Inc. Welcomes CSI's Hill Harper To Dallas

And Appearances For Father's Day

Joyce Ann Brown and Mothers (Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems Inc. (MASS) are bringing CSI:New York actor, Hill Harper to Dallas to do to several booksignings for his new book, Letters to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny, for the Father's Day weekend.

Letters to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny hit bookshelves nationwide in April 2006. It is Harper's deep-rooted passion regarding the plight of today's youth that drove him to write the book, the first in a series of books intended to provide the frequently regarded "lost generation" with words of encouragement and guidance.

A Magna Cum Laude graduate from Brown University and recipient of graduate degrees in both law and public administration from Harvard, Harper has created a piece written with a sincere tone, in a very colloquial, youth-friendly style and hip vibe. Targeted toward mentoring young males lacking positive role models, Harper shares compelling 75237, 214-331-8522

Actor To Do Booksignings accounts of perseverance that are intended to become educational resources for teachers to share with students. Letters to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny is revolutionary in its type in how it deals with adolescent issues that no other writer has dared to penetrate.



"I want young men to have knowledge of the things that can bring them true empowerment: education, a strong sense of purpose, compassion, confidence and humility," says Harper.

Hill Harper will make appearances for booksignings as follows:

Sunday, June 18, 2006 from 8am-11:30am

Concord Church, 6808 Pastor Bailey Drive, Dallas

Sunday, June 18, 2006 from 11:45am-1:30pm

Friendship West Baptist Church, 2020 W. Wheatland Road, Dallas 75232, 972-228-5200

Sunday, June 18, 2006 from 2pm-3pm

Reception for Debbie Allen hosted by Texas Black Film Commission, Bass Performance Hall, Fort Worth

Mothers (Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems Inc. (MASS), lead by Founder and CEO Joyce Ann Brown, is a non-profit foundation providing a pathway for adults, families and children seeking a meaningful opportunity to become productive citizens. Since 1993, MASS Inc. has helped people being released from prison readjust to life without bars and providing support for the children and families of adult offenders at high risk for substance abuse, medical or emotional disorders and poverty. In addition, MASS Inc. creates positive environments by working to improve economic opportunity through educational achievement, job development and housing availability. Visit the MASS website for more information at www.massjab.org, or call 214-821-8810

MLK Jr. Community Center Celebrates Juneteenth

attend the Juncteenth celebration at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. "Celebrate Freedom" is the theme for this year's celebration. Visitors can enjoy the fun-filled family festival from 1-6 p.m., Monday, June 19 at the MLK Jr. Community Center, located at 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

"The Juncteenth celebration brings the Dallas community together to commemorate African American freedom - and achievement," says Patrick

The public is invited to Jackson, MLK Jr. Community Center manager. "Our community looks forward to our annual celebration. This year's event promises to be as enjoyable as in previous years."

The festival will have something for everyone. Highlights of the festival include:

- · Food
- · Vendor Booths

· Live Music: rap groups, R&B soloists and gospel groups

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Environmental and Health Services and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center host the event annually. This year's event sponsors include: Rolling Out Magazine, K104.5, KHVN Heaven 97 AM, The Dallas Weekly, Coca-Cola Bottling of North Texas, Kroger, The Dallas Examiner, Reddy Ice, and Foundation for Community Empowerment (FCE).

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Primary Movements:DBDT & The Dallas Symphony Orchestra At The Meyerson

Black Dance Theatre and the atrical sense" and "ear for effective Dallas Symphony Orchestra orchestration" Holland is the perunite for Primary Movements a World Premiere event featuring the music of composer Jonathan

Bailey Holland and the choreography of Allyne D. Gartrell. Jazz, funk and spiritual influences will be interpreted in both dance and music for this jointperformance which kicks off the DBDT's 30th anniversary celebration.

Heralded by NEWSWEEK as "one to watch", composer Jonathan Bailey Holland's commissioned works have

premiered in front of thousands of patrons around the world. ticular evolution of black music," that exists between all cultures,"

fect choice to compose Primary Movements. "My hope is that the collabora-

tion between the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the "Musically, Primary Movements Dallas Black Dance Theatre will attempts to demonstrate a par- allow everyone to see the beauty

On June 22, 2006, the Dallas says Holland. With his "fine the- says Alynne D. Gartrell the DBDT's resident choreographer. Gartrell is also a DBDT's company dancer. Patrons will see him center stage when Primary Movements makes its debut.

> The third critical component to bringing Primary Movements to life is Conductor Dan Allcott. Allcott is the Music Director for the Atlanta Ballet as well as the Bryan Symphony Orchestra. His background in orchestral music and dance music make him uniquely qualified to lead this world premiere performance.

Tickets range from \$25.00-\$100.00. This performance begins at 7:30pm. For more information go DallasSymphony.com or call 214.692.0203.

Still photographer D. Stevens will direct "Marvin - The Life Story of Marvin Gaye," which begins shooting later this year. The \$40 million production

plans to incorporate 24 of the late soul crooner's songs.

Roberta Flack will serve as music supervisor. Shooting will take place in Washington, Detroit and Los Angeles, said producer Duncan McGillivray

story hasn't been told in its entirety in a big-budget feature film. We will be the first to do it," McGillivray said.

movies about Ray Charles and Johnny Cash has boosted interest in projects about musical icons. A competing project about Gaye's final years also is in preproduction. Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") is set to portray Gaye in "Sexual

Marvin Gaye Movie Hooks Director

The success of Oscar-winning Healing," an indie drama written and to be directed by Lauren Goodman.

> Stevens, a veteran unit still photographer, is making his directorial debut with indie film "The Pet," which is being offered for sale at the Cannes market.



The Mavs walked off the floor Tuesday knowing they let one get away

A. Fox really kicking up her comment on the casting rumors. to begin in mid-September. heels was in 'Kill Bill Vol. 2' but in a violent manner, with Uma Thurman's face on the receiving end.

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According to Us Weekly magazine, the actress' name was leaked as one of the celebrities confirmed to take part in the ballroom dance competition.

The last time we saw Vivica her run. ABC, of course, will not

The third season is scheduled

Vivica A. Fox To Dance With The Stars



"It's amazing that Marvin's

Other names mentioned were actors Mario Lopez and Harry Hamlin, husband of last year's second runner-up, Lisa Rinna.

Hamlin, a co-star on the CW's Veronica Mars, reportedly bugged producers to join the next cast after watching how obsessed his wife became during

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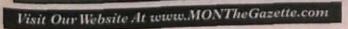
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Garland Food Program Page 1 is sponsoring, for the 11th consecutive year, the Summer Nutrition Program for children ages 18 and younger. Local churches have graciously extended their support by partnering with the City. There is no fee and no registration required for a child to receive a lunch and snack. The purpose of the program is to ensure that children continue to eat a healthy lunch even after school is closed for the summer. The program also incorporates fun games, arts and crafts, sports activities, and weekly prizes at certain sites. A nutritious snack is served concluding the activities; a few sites serve a morning snack.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Summer Food Program is offered statewide by local sponsors who operate sites where children age 18 and younger can get free meals. The service is open to all children, regardless of income. Those who are older than 19 and enrolled in school programs for people with disabilities also can receive free meals.

The most up-to-date information on Summer Food meal sites and hours of operation is available statewide by calling 2-1-1. For more details on the Summer Food Program, visit www.summerfood.org.

Garland Lunch Sites are open Monday through Friday, June 5 - Aug. 11, 2006 at the following locations:

Bradfield Rec. Ctr., 1146 Castle Dr., lunch 12pm, snack 3pm

Carver Center, 232 Carver St., lunch 10:30am, snack 1:30pm

Centerville Pt. Apts., 4266 Duck Creek, lunch 10:15am, snack 1:15pm

Crestridge Apts. 3200 W. Walnut, lunch 11am, snack 2pm

Eagles Landing, 238 E. Oates Rd., lunch 10:30am, snack 1:30pm

Fox Bend Apts., 2156 Cranford, lunch 12pm, snack 3pm

Gale Fields Rec. Ctr., 1701 Dairy Rd., lunch 10:30am, snack 1:30pm

Garland Oaks Apts., 2900 S.

Oates, lunch 10:30am, snack 2pm 1:30pm

Nueva Vida B.C., 2000 S. First St., snack 8am, lunch 11am

Parkridge Comm. Apts., 1839 Glenbrook, lunch 12pm, snack 3pmPentecost COGIC, 502 Davidson Dr., lunch 11am, snack 2pmPentecostal Church, 716 Chandler Rd., lunch 10:30am, snack 2pm

Richland Apts., 3200 W. Buckingham, lunch 11am, snack 2pm

ROC Metro Family, 3375 Edgewood Dr., lunch 11am, No snackRosegate Apts., 4221 Rosehill Rd., lunch 11am, snack

Salvation Army, 451 W. Avenue D, snack 8am, lunch 11am

Saturn Rd. Church of Christ, 3030 Saturn Rd., snack 8:50am, lunch 11:50am

Willow Gate Apts., 900 E. Centerville Rd., lunch 11am, snack 2pm

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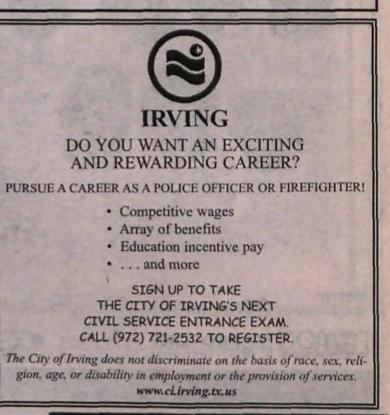
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Church News



Since Father's Day is Sunday, I'll touch upon the subject of fathers and their role as, "Head of the Family." I believe that a caring father is a Godly leader. One of the basic qualities of leadership is reflected in the

role of a father. I heard the story of a veteran ranch foreman who gave an analogy of some wise advice on such a leadership role. He said, "The secret of leading cattle is never to let your herd know that they are being lead. Let them do everything voluntarily but always keep them moving toward their destination." This way the herd could cover plenty of miles per day while enjoying the freedom of the open range.

I believe a caring father will do the same; he allows room for the family to grow and to be independent.

A caring father is one that is, "Tough yet tender;" he must be tough, strong, bold and determined. He should stand up, speak out and tell it like it is. He should give positive directions. He should do a self-examination and then ask God to help him to be the kind of person that He want him to be. He should ask God to help him to obtain a balance in the family when the cares of this life weighs on his heart and causes him to, perhaps,

Mesquite Hospital Page 1

est from doctors," Kennedy said. "We anticipate a very quick syndication process."

Rockwall Hospitals is negotiating for land near the near the intersection of Interstates 635 and 30. A medical office building also is planned.

Arlington-based Ascension healthcare Group Architects is designing respond to the health care the hospital. Ascension also consumer," said Rod Booze, designed the recently opened Lakeside Hospital in Bastrop near Austin, which also is owned by Rockwall Hospitals.

"The project design reflects the convergence of key agendas between caregivers and

Church Directory

Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church "Where Jesus is the Main Attraction" Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am

A Caring Father

do and/or say things that can hurt the their day and the blessings of family.

A caring father should lead by example that the way to succeed in this life is to do the opposite of what comes naturally. Jesus said that instead of holding on to our lives, we should give up our lives to gain them. Instead of hating our enemies, we should love them. Instead of retaliating against an offender, we should forgive our offender.

A caring father motivates and



Picture of The Week Sister Tarpley and Sam Donaldson, Co-Anchor, Prime Time Live; Anchor, World News Sunday; and Co-Host, This Week, at the Annual Southwest Forum.

> and rewards. He is objective and gets the facts before he takes action.

A caring father, with God's help, has courage, he is decisive, dependable, has good judgment, is sensible, loyal, and shows enthusiasm. He also has endurance and shows initiative.

As I have stated in the past, I believe that my father, the late Lloyd David Demus had the majority of these traits; and in polling my siblings, we all agree that we would still pick Lloyd David Demus as our father. God blessed us with a wonderful father.

May all Christian fathers enjoy

God; this includes the following: Sons: Jarrell Tarpley; Bill Lott; and Carl Goff. Uncles Charlie Baker & Monaque Carter, Sr.; Tony Baker, David Lee Avery; Kerry Brown, Sr. and Kerry Brown, Jr.; Darrin Raymond; and Eugene, Reggie & Deak Tinner.

Jesus doesn't condemn those

who desire success and significance in life, rather, He clearly teaches that the "opposite way" is the more significant path to achieving our goals.

Society says, "Look out for number one. Destroy your enemies. Hold on to your rights. Rule others; and to Promote yourself." Jesus on the other hand says, "Look out for others. Love your enemies. Give up your rights. Serve others; and to Humble yourself." Genuine humility is crucial to a successful life. Throughout the book of Proverbs are strident warnings against pride.

encourages the family. He delegates Pride is a prerequisite for failure, and humility is a prerequisite for success. A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor. (Proverbs 29:23)

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Limited seating so call early. Donations accepted and appreciated. For more information, contact Minister Allen 214-458-8048 Abrone a. or 866-264-6439 (toll free)

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CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME CHURCH TEMPLE OF FAITH June 23, 7:30 pm and

June 24, 9 am to 3 pm Our Singles Ministry is hosting the 6th Annual National "Get Over Your Love Hangover" Conference. The theme is, "Living Above 'See' Level" with guest speakers Rev. Eric Copeland, San Antonio, TX; Author Michelle Stimpson; Rev. Henry Batson III; Minister Jacci Copeland; Author Teri Werner; Minister Yvette Wade; and conference founder, Shewanda Riley. The conference will be held at The Hotel Suites-Dallas, North, 13402 Noel Road in Dallas.

For addition information and cost, call 972-533-3543

Christian Chapel CME Church Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Senior Pastor

14120 Noel Road Dallas, TX 75254 972-239-1120

CHRISTIAN STRONGHOLD CHURCH June 25, 9 am

In conjunction with Stronghold Community Development Corporation, Hal Johnson, CEO, we invite you to our 11th Church Anniversary and "Unity in The Community Day of Fellowship and Fun." FREE Events include a health fair with Carter Blood Center, dental and medical info & checks, a dunkin' booth, card games, races, face painting, and

more For more information, contact Anita Jimerson, Coordinator @ 972-463-2372

Christian Stronghold Church Rev. Harold Johnson, Pastor 6810 Samuell Blvd. Dallas, TX 75228 214-320-4800

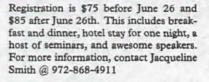
EBENEZER WORSHIP CENTER June 24, 4 pm to 8 pm

Please join us at our Block Party @ the church. There will be FREE food, beverages, live music, and more. Vendors are invited to set-up their products/services at the block party; please contact NaTasha Smith @ 214-797-0150

July 28 - 29, 2006 Please join us for our Women of Power Conference @ the Amerisuites Hotel, 5229 Spring Valley in Dallas, TX.

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Ebenezer Worship Center Rev. Cecil T. Smith, II Senior Pastor 14000 Preston Road Dallas, TX 75254 972-980-0977

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES (FOBCC)

June 25, 3:30 pm You are invited to the 2nd "Co-Pastor Deborah Jackson Appreciation Service" at the Community Outreach Ministries, 526 Compton Avenue, Irving, TX 75061, Pastor Lisa Tarpley, Overseer. The theme is: The Greater the Sacrifice, the Greater the Reward. Please confirm your attendance by tomorrow. Bishop Gregory Crawford will be the speaker. For more information call Bishop Crawford @ 214-938-0167

Fellowship of Believers Ministries Bishop Gregory Crawford Founder and Senior Pastor 3911 S. Lancaster Road Dallas, TX 75216 214-372-3624

FULL GOSPEL HOLY TEMPLE

June 30 & July 1, 2006 The Black Academy Arts and Letters will host a Shirley Owens Production, "Don't Miss The Rapture" @ the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, downtown Dallas. The play is complete with singing and stage performances delivered with a true conviction. Tickets are on sale now. For more information call 214-743-2400.

Full Gospel Holy Temple Apostle Lobias Murray, Senior Pastor 39727 West LBI Freeway Dallas, TX 75339 972-572-3448

KELLER SPRINGS B.C. (THE SPRINGS) June 19-21, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

We will Present Vacation Bible School 2006 - "Run For Your Life"

(Hebrews 12:1.) The children will get their engines started in "The Incredible Race;" the youth will enter the backstretch of "The Amazing Race;" and The adults will get their Christian motors tuned up with a Revival for "The Eternal Race." For more information call Chandra LeGardye @ 972-998-6336.

Keller Springs B.C. (The Springs) Larry J. Sanders, Sr. Senior Pastor 3227 Keller Springs Road Carrollton, TX 75006 972-735-8077

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF ROWLETT Celebrating God for the Blessings of Our New Church Home and Land!

Sunday, June 4, 9:30 am

You are invited to join us for "First Services" in our new church edifice: "Sunday Life Bible School @ 9:30 am;" "Sunday Life Celebration Worship Service @ 10:45 am," and "Ingredients for Life @ 4 pm."

Sunday, June 11, 5 pm

Come and enjoy our "First Celebration Entrance Service" with anointed guest speaker, Pastor M. A. Johnson, Sr. from Greater Zion Baptist Church in Dallas and a host of other guest churches and their members.

Thursday, June 22, 11:30 am Please join us @ our 11:30 am "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" hosted by Rowlett Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday, June 25, 4:30 pm

You don't want to miss the conclusion to our month-long celebration at the "Celebration Entrance & Homecoming Services" with World Renowned Apostle Cornell Hamilton, Pastor of "From Bondage to Freedom Interdenominational Church in Shreveport, LA.

For more information about the above events, please call 972-463-4964

New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr. Senior Pastor 7401 Miller Road Rowlett, TX 75088 972-463-4964

SAINT MARK MISSIONARY **BAPTIST CHURCH**

June 15 - 16, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Join us for a FREE City-Wide Vacation Bible School (family style.) This is open to all ages @ Fanny Finch Elementary School, 1205 S. Tennessee St. in McKinney. Our theme: Where Adventure meets Courage! Motto: Be Strong! Be Courageous! Follow Jesus! (Joshua 1:9.) For additional information, call 972-542-6178.

Saint Mark MBC in McKinney Rev. Charles S. Wattley, Pastor 1308 Wilcox Street McKinney, TX 75069 972-542-6178

SANCTUARY OF PRAISE FELLOWSHIP OF ALLEN June 23 & 25, 2006

Please join us for "WOW 2006--Women of Wisdom" Conference. Our theme is Mind, Body and Spirit. Guest speakers include: Evangelist Rachel J. Baxter of Philadelphia, PA; First Lady Paula Coleman of Kingdom Harvest C.O.G.I.C in Dallas, Co-Pastor Roberta Smith, and Ja-Ra and Lineage of Trinity Heights Church in Dallas. Come expecting a miracle!!!

For more information, please contact Pastor Wilson at 469-853-2380.

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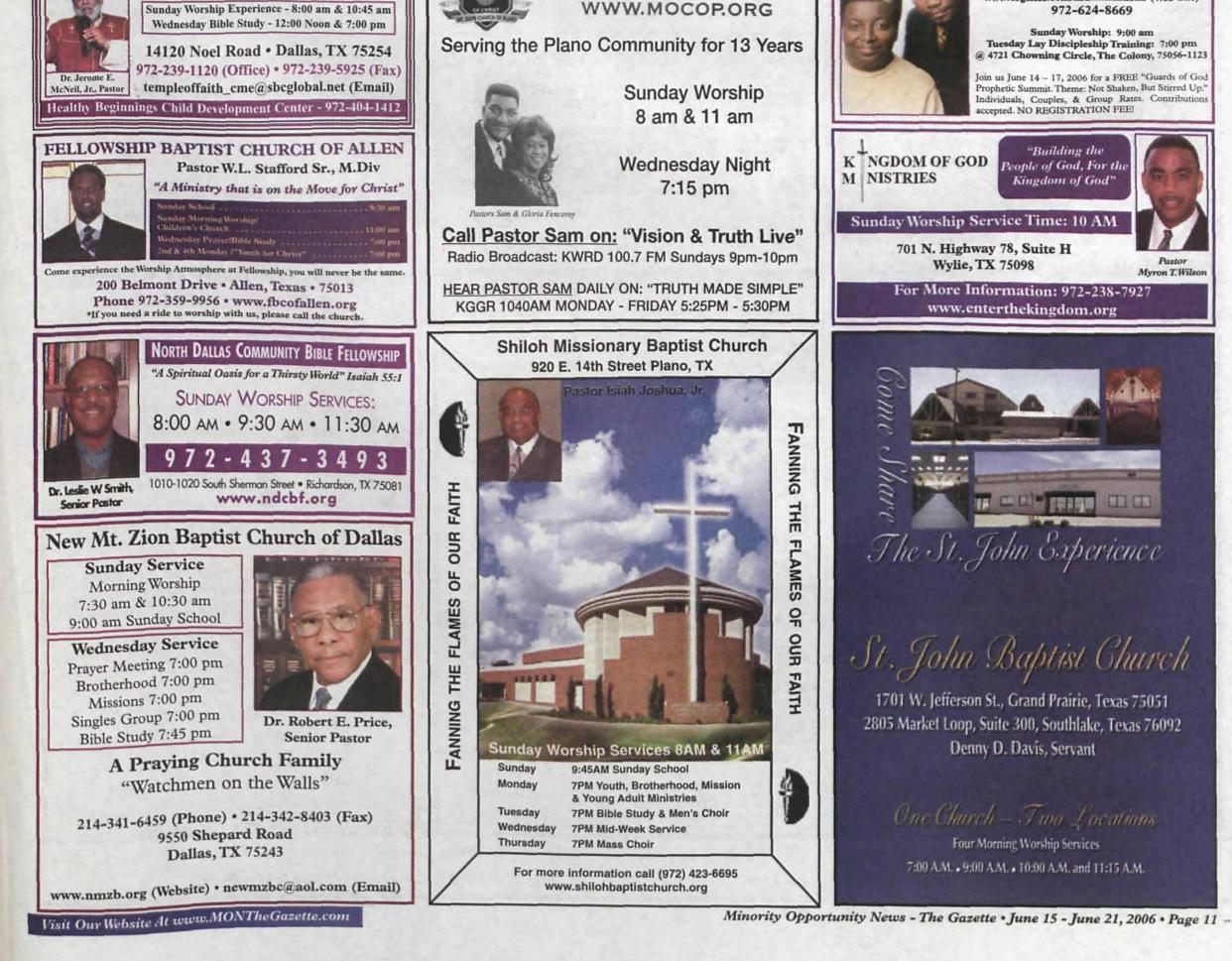
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Baptists Kick Off Annual Gathering



R.H. Boyd

The National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress got under way in Nashville, Tennessee Sunday, with a service at Temple Baptist Church drawing hundreds.

Members from about 1,000 African-American churches from around the country are expected to attend the weeklong congress - which is marking its 100th anniversary.

appropriate to bring it back to Nashville" for the centennial, said David Groves, director of publications for Nashvillebased R.H. Boyd Publishing, the official sponsor of the congress.

When it began in Nashville a hundred years ago, the congress originally started out in ing institute, one part reunion,

1906 as a literacy outreach program to help African-Americans learn how to read, said Angela Roberson, event planner for the congress.

It has met every year since then, growing to include thousands of Baptists from across the country. It has met in various cities, such as Detroit and St. Louis.

Church leaders have come to Nashville not only to celebrate the 100th year, but "seeking training in various elements in church ministry," Groves said.

This week will be full of instruction, workshops, and sessions on how to improve the church and the community, as well as preparing young people for leadership.

"It's a reunion year, we are serving as a gathering point "We thought it would be for people who haven't seen each other in years," Roberson said.

> More than 10,000 people are expected to come and will be staying at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, where many of the events will be held, as well as six surrounding properties.

the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress has been edu-African-American cating Baptist church leaders and workers each June since 1906.

Believed to be the longestrunning annual gathering of African-Americans for any purpose, the National Baptist Congress has mirrored the

sions, a seminar on "energizing the sputtering church," and a "speaking their language" workshop to reach young people. There will also be events focusing on church banking and finance and featuring religious mime and contests on African-American trivia and Bible verses.

The convention is expected to

bring \$4 million to the city, according to the Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau.

While the annual congress takes place in a different city each year, Nashville is home to its centennial celebration because this is where it started. In 1896, former slave

rent CEO's greatgrandfather

launched a Christian to create church literature that reflected the black experience.

The company, then called the National Baptist Publishing Board, began producing Sunday school literature that, for the first time, featured photographs of African-American children on the covers. It produced hymnals with African-American spiritu-



Women such as these, the "health ministry" team at First Baptist Church, South Inglewood, TN have been there to aid members of black churches for years.

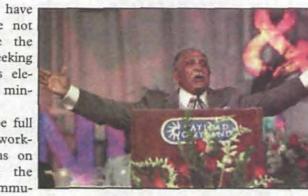
day.

For many pastors, with no vacation pay, it was their only out-of-town trip of the year.

Each of the four main National Baptist denominations holds its own June "congress" to educate Christian Sunday school teachers, ushers, pastors and others, but the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress remains one of the largest annual gatherings.

This year's meeting comes amid some recent signs of reconciliation among the four historically African-American Baptist organizations.

Last year, the four denominations came together for a "unity" meeting for the first time.



The Rev. Joseph Lowery was the keynote speaker during R.H. Boyd - the curthe National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. "Poverty is a religious issue," he said in a speech marked by applause and a standing ovation.

changes facing the African- publishing company in Nashville American church and community in the last century, said chief executive T.B. Boyd III, whose Nashville-based R.H. Boyd Publishing Corp. has sponsored the meetings from the beginning.

This year, the convention will have dance classes, aerobics for One part expo, one part train- women, drill team competitions, black preaching panel discus- als. It employed African-

Founder Of Black Holocaust Museum Dies At 92

James Cameron was inspired by 1979 trip to Israel's Holocaust memorial

James Cameron, who survived an attempted lynching by a white mob and went on to found America's Black Holocaust Museum, died Sunday at the age of 92.

Cameron had suffered from lymphoma for about five years, said Marissa Weaver, chairwoman of the Milwaukeebased museum's board.

In 1930, in Marion, Ind., Cameron and two friends were arrested and accused of killing a white man during a robbery and raping the man's companion.

two friends, then placed a rope sold him for \$1. The museum in the world to me to carry on around his neck.

"They began to chant for me like a football play-'We want Cameron! er, We want Cameron!," he recalled in a 2003 interview with The Associated Press. "I could feel the blood in my body just freezing up."

16-year-old The shoeshine boy was spared when a man in the crowd proclaimed his innocence.

In 1988, he opened the museum in a small storefront room in downtown Milwaukee. Six years

A mob broke them out of the later, he took over an abandoned its kind in the country. local jail and hanged Cameron's 12,000-square-foot gym the city

explores the history of the struggles of black Americans from slavery to the modern day and in June last year when the U.S. en into signing a false confeswas considered one of the first of Senate issued an apology for not sion.

"It's the most important thing this fight, to explain the history that's been hidden ... from black people," he told The Associated Press in 2003.

> Cameron said in interviews that he was inspired to create the museum by a 1979 trip to Israel and Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial.

Weaver said Cameron counted one of his defining moments

standing against the lynching ing in the museum's daily operviolence that killed more than 4,700 people from 1882 to 1968, three-fourths of them black.

American writers. It veered into

other ventures, producing the

first African-American dolls and

magazines and created a furni-

ture-making venture that pro-

duced pews and podiums for

But with no door-to-door

salesmen on his staff, and seek-

ing to market his materials to a

larger audience, Boyd held the

first National Congress in 1906

to invite pastors to do business

with him at a specific location,

What evolved was the first

large-scale national gathering of

African-American leaders -

church pastors - who would

come to purchase the materials

but stay for workshops and

instruction on how best to teach

church members while dis-

cussing the social issues of the

the current CEO said.

African-American churches.

"I was saved by a miracle," Cameron said at the time. "They were going to lynch me between my two buddies," he said, with thousands of people "hollering for my blood when a voice said, 'Take this boy back.'"

Cameron was convicted of being an accessory before the fact to voluntary manslaughter and spent four years in prison, but was granted a pardon in 1993. He said he had been beat-

ations about four years ago but continued attending special events and making speaking engagements, Weaver said.

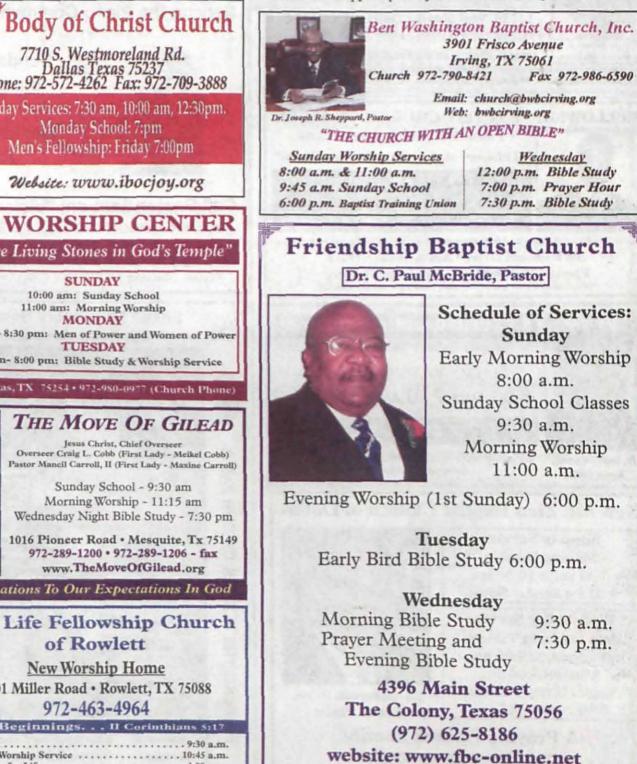
"The museum is his legacy," she said. "That was his life's work - to share with the world the injustices that African-Americans have suffered while at the same time, and most importantly, providing an opportunity to repair bridges that have been suffered because of our history."

Cameron is survived by his wife, Virginia, and three of their children.

James Cameron stands in the Black Holocaust Museum



Cameron stopped participat- in Milwaukee, in this



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