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## On the Homefront:

The Frisco public library kicks off its summer reading program, "Read Across Texas" with a puppet show on Friday, June 7; 8750 McKinney Road. The festivities start at 1:30am with a check presentation from the South East area MOM Club of Frisco.

Fire-rescue camp for teens at Collin County presents its annual Fire-Rescue Camp. Open to teenagers 14-18, the camp will meet from 8:30am to 4pm Monday through Thursday 1pm. 8:30am to 1pm June 7 at the Central Park Campus, fire academy building. Camp fee \$150. Call Leslie Thetford 972-548-6836.

Nortel Networks will cut another 3,500 jobs and may sell its optical-components business as it revamps its operation to save money.

Charley Langley, the popular vocalist who went on from his native Plano to headline shows in Denver and New York appeared recently at the Plano Forum and was such a hit that an entire show as a benefit for the Plano Metro Rotary club is being planned around his talent.

AT&T Broadband announced that basic cable rates affecting more than 13,000 Plano customers will increase to \$12.23 effective July 1, 2002. Making that a \$.50 cent increase.

Host families are needed for international high school exchange students for the 2002-03 school year in the Plano area. For more information call Sharon George 817-295-8647 or the ERDT Texas State Office 1-800-941-3713.

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## The Infamous "Willie Lynch Letter"

As we prepare to celebrate another Juneteenth holiday MON-The Gazette's Editorial Staff thought it would be a good opportunity to introspect ourselves and determine if we are part of the solution or the problems within our community. A white slave owner, William Lynch in 1712, delivered this speech. The publication of this speech is not intended to offend anyone, but to challenge "the power that be" on the validity of the content of this speech. . . . .

Gentlemen, I greet you here on the bank of the James River in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twelve. First, I shall thank you, the gentlemen of the Colony of Virginia, for bringing me here. I am here to help you solve some of your problems with slaves. Your invitation reached me on my modest plantation in the West Indies, where I have experimented with some of the newest and still the oldest methods for control of slaves. Ancient Rome would envy us if my program is implemented. As our boat sailed south on the James River, named for our illustrious King, whose version of the Bible we cherish, I saw enough to know that your problem is not unique. While Rome used cords of wood as crosses for standing human bodies along its highways in great numbers, you are here using the tree and the rope on occasion.

I caught the whiff of a dead slave hanging from a tree a couple miles back. You are not only losing valuable stock by hangings, you having uprisings, slaves are running away, your crops are sometimes left if the field too long for maximum profit, you suffer occasional fires, your animals are killed. Gentlemen, you know what your problems are; I do not need to elaborate. I am here to enumerate your problems, I am here to introduce you to a method of solving them. In my bag here, I have a fool proof method for controlling your black slaves. I guarantee everyone of you that if installed correctly it will control slaves for at least 300 years. My method is simple. Any member of your family or your overseer can use it.

I have outlined a number of differences among the slaves, and I take these differences and make them bigger. I use fear, distrust and envy for control purposes. These methods have worked on my modest plantation in the West Indies and it will work throughout the South. Take this simple little list of differences, and think about them. On top of my list is "Age", but it is there only because it starts with an "A", the second is "Color" or shade, there is intelligence, size, sex, size of plantations, status on plantations, attitude of owners, whether the slaves live in the valley, on a hill, East, West, North, South, have fine hair, coarse hair, or is tall or short. Now that you have a list of differences, I shall give you an outline of action, but before that, I shall assure that distrust is stronger than trust, and envy is stronger than adulation, respect or admiration.

The Black slave after receiving this indoctrination shall carry on and will become self-reliant and self-generating for hundreds of years, maybe thousands.

Don't forget you must pinch the old Black male vs. the young Black male, and the young Black male against the old Black male. You must use the dark skin slaves



vs. the light skin slaves vs. the dark skin slaves. You must use the female vs. the male, and the male, and the male vs. the female. You must also have your white servants and overseers distrust all Blacks, but it is necessary that your slaves trust and depend on us. They must love, respect, and trust only us. Gentlemen, these kits are your keys to control. Use them. Have your wives and children use them, never miss an opportunity. If used intensely for one year, the slaves themselves will remain perpetually distrustful. Thank you gentlemen.

### Let's Make A Slave

By: The Black Arcade Liberation Library 1970

It was the interest and business of slaveholders to study human nature, and the slave nature in particular, with a view to practical results, and many of them attained astonishing proficiency in this direction. They had to deal not with earth wood and stone, but with men and by every regard they had for their own safety and prosperity they needed to know the material on which they were to work.

Conscious of the injustice and wrong they were every hour perpetuating and knowing what they themselves would do, were they the victims of such wrongs, they were constantly looking for the first signs of the dreaded retribution. They watched, therefore, with skilled and practiced eyes, and learned to read, with great accuracy, the state of mind and heart of the slave, through his sly face. Unusual sobriety, apparent abstraction, sullenness and indifference - indeed, any mood out of the common way afforded ground for suspicion and inquiry.

-Frederick Douglas

Let's Make A Slave is a study of the scientific process of man breaking and slave making. It describes the rationale and results of the Anglo Saxon's ideas and methods of insuring the master/slave relationship.

### Let's Make A Slave

The Origin and Development of a Social Being Called "The Negro"

Let us make a slave. What do we need? First of all we need a black nigger man, a pregnant nigger woman and her baby nigger boy. Second, we will use the same basic principle that we use in breaking a horse, combined with some more sustaining factors.

What we do with horses is that we break them from one form of life to another, that is, we reduce them from their natural state in nature; whereas nature provides

them with the natural capacity to take care of their needs and the needs of their offspring, we break that natural string of independence from them and thereby create a dependency state, so that we may be able to get from them useful production for our business and pleasure.

### Cardinal Principles For Making A Negro

For fear that our future generations may not understand the principles of breaking both the beast together, the nigger and the horse. We understand that short range planning economic results in periodic economic chaos; so that, to avoid turmoil in the economy, it requires us to have breath and depth in long range comprehensive planning, articulating both skill sharp perception.

We lay down the following principles for long range comprehensive economic planning. 1. Both horse and nigger are no good to the economy in the wild or natural state. 2. Both must be broken and tied together for orderly production. 3. For orderly futures, special and particular attention must be paid to the female and the youngest offspring. 4. Both must be crossbred to produce a variety and division of labor. 5. Both must be taught to respond to a peculiar new language. 6. Psychological and physical instruction of containment must be created for both.

We hold the six cardinal principles as truth to be self-evident, based upon the following discourse concerning the economics of breaking and tying the horse and nigger together, all inclusive of the six principles laid down about.

NOTE: Neither principle alone will suffice for good economics. All principles alone must be employed for orderly good of the nation.

Accordingly, both a wild horse and a wild or natural nigger is dangerous even if captured, for they will have the tendency to seek their customary freedom, and in doing so, might kill you in your sleep. You cannot rest. They sleep while you are awake, and are awake while you are asleep. They are dangerous near the family house and it requires too much labor to watch them away from the house. Above all, you cannot get them to work in this natural state. Hence, both the horse and the nigger must be broken; that is break them from one form of mental life to another, keep the body take the mind!

In other words, break the will to resist. Now the breaking process

See The Willie Lynch Letter page 6

## Plano's Douglas Community Council To Hold It's Annual Juneteenth Festival Area Community Leaders Invited

By: Felicia Coleman

On Saturday, June 15, 2002 the Douglas Community Council will have its annual Juneteenth Celebration Reminiscence. With its theme Bringing It Back to the Church, there will be many activities into the night.

The Douglas Community Council originated during the times when the state of Texas outlawed the NAACP. Reverend C.S. Trimble set forth to begin the organization Douglas Community Council, named after ex-slave and American abolitionist Frederick Douglas.

Trimble worked together with friend Ben Thomas to help, improve, teach and assist Black people. One of the first issues that Trimble and Thomas wanted to do was to find a way to get Black students into integrated schools. Together, Trimble and Thomas purchased a bus to transport Black children from their community to integrated schools.

Later, Trimble turned the Douglas Community Council over to Thomas. Thomas served as President until 1983. Thomas said, "We want to take care of ourselves and be a factor in the community and be self-reliant."

Five years ago Vanessa Johnson became the President of Douglas Community Council. With 15 members in the council, they meet every Thursday night at the Douglas Center to discuss

the Juneteenth plans along with other topics in the community.

Juneteenth is an annual event at the Douglas Center. Participation was reduced because of the competition in bigger cities such as Dallas. We are an older and smaller community but we are starting early this year and we encourage people to come out. I think it will be nice", Johnson said.

The Juneteenth celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a parade beginning at William's High School and will proceed to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 920 East 14th Street in Plano. A spiritual celebration will take place at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. The event will continue at Douglas Recreation Center where there will be a baby pageant, music, picnic, entertainment and games for the kids. Ben Thomas said, "The purpose of this event is to bring back to the church and to reemphasize and encourage our youth to use the opportunities that are for them today as a result of emancipation." "The theme, Bringing it Back to the Church", Thomas said, "the hand of God is working for us. We are his children and we are free. We want to return it to the church because there is where it all originated."

For more information call Vanessa Johnson at 972-390-9175 or Ben Thomas 972-422-2966.

## Willie and Martha Wattley 60th Anniversary



By: Felicia Coleman

Recently Willie and Martha Wattley were acknowledged by Saint Mark Baptist Church for their 60th anniversary. Mr. Wattley said, "Not many people have been married as long as we have. And we have been through tough times, but we have managed to stick together."

Mr. Wattley lived in McKinney, Texas all of his life. Every 3rd Sunday of May, Saint Mark Baptist Church would have a picnic day in Melissa, Texas where church members from all over would gather. At the picnic is where Mr. Wattley met Martha. They were married in Dallas, Texas on May 28, 1942. They have two children, Willie James Wattley Jr. and Charles Samuel Wattley. The Wattleys are also proud grandparents of Princess Wattley and Carla Wattley.

For 15 years Martha Wattley worked at United Day

Nursery. She is now retired. Willie Wattley joined the army at 17 years old. He worked at Veterans Hospital for 18 years where he became the first black supervisor. In 1963, he organized the NAACP of Collin County. In 1965, he was an employee of Texas Instruments where he again became the first black supervisor and also first black engineer. Mr. Wattley served as Mayor Pro-tem over McKinney, Texas for 18 years and served on the City Council for 22 years.

The Wattleys have been members of Saint Mark Baptist Church for 40 years. "It felt great to be presented with an anniversary plaque", Mr. Wattley said. "The secret to a good, long healthy marriage is to respect each other. One can't tell the other that they are the boss. You have to treat each other like you want to be treated. And another thing is that you can't run and hang out with the boys", he said.

The 60th anniversary plaque was presented to Mr. And Mrs. Wattley by Rod Winston. Mr. Winston met Mr. And Mrs. Wattley at Saint Mark Baptist church 50 years ago. Mr. Winston said, "The Wattleys are spiritual people. They are willing to listen and share with others. They are fun and they enjoy life to the fullest."

## National Dental Hygienists' Association



Left to right: Cheryl Hall - President elect, Tanya Keiss - Vice President, Cassandra Holder-Ballard - Trustee, Gennette Robinson - Scholarship Chairperson, Diane Tyson - President, Ingrid churchill - Trustee, Priscilla Gerald - Trustee

In Memory of Mary Hawkins, RDH, MA.

The Board of Trustees of the National Dental Hygienists' Association met recently at the Adam's Mark Hotel to finalize plans for the upcoming 40th annual NDHA Convention to convene July 26-31 in conjunction with the National Dental Association being held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas. The NDHA will award the Mary L. Hawkins Memorial Convention to a local minority dental hygiene student.

Applications are available at area local Dental Hygiene Schools

For more than thirty years, the National Dental Hygienists' Association (NDH) has been committed to the professional development needs of its members.

African American Dental Hygienists established the NDHA in 1932. The objective was to address the professional concerns of African Americans dental hygienists. Through the years, the organization has grown and in 1962 it became an affiliate of the National

Dental Association. The goal at the time was to develop a network of communication and camaraderie among its members.

The NDHA offers limited financial support to students of color through its scholarship program. Scholarships are

awarded annually by the Board of Trustees is Marvia Shelton of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

For additional information contact Gennette Robinson, 662-329-1901, 662-328-7941 or Marvia Shelton.



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## Young Photography Programs-Makes Summer Worthwhile



RC Hickman presenting Young Photographers Workshop

The RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop will begin on Saturday June 15th and that Saturday will be the start of an extraordinary Summertime experience at the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop. The usual time is Saturdays only at 11am till 2pm, however, on June 15th parents are asked to be at Pearl C. Anderson Learning Center at 10:30am for the enrollment session. The

location is at 3400 Garden Lane, just east of Fair Park off Second Avenue. The photography workshop will continue each Saturday at 11am promptly. Children ages 10 through 18 years of age are encouraged to fill their Summer with a fun, exciting activity learning about the art of photography.

This is a presentation of the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts, and

is co sponsored by Nikkon, Ritz/Wolf Cameras, and the City Of Dallas Office Of Cultural Affairs. Although forms will be available at the workshop, you can also download enrollment forms for the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop and entry forms for the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition by logging on to [artiststuff.com](http://artiststuff.com) and navigating to the programs section.

## Exclusive Women's Accelerated Networking Reception June 25 - Gleneagles Country

Join us Tuesday, June 25th for a powerful eWomenNetwork "Accelerated Networking" reception! Be sure and register by June 19th for earlybird rate.

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Gleneagles Country Club in Plano. Space is limited. Get your registration in now for this powerful networking event. Following is your registration information:

Women's "Accelerated Networking" Reception Event!

When: Tuesday, June 25

Time: 4:30-6:30 PM (Doors open and Informal networking begins at 4:00)

Where: The Gleneagles Country Club, 5401 West Park Boulevard, Plano, Cost: \$45 per person and includes sumptuous DINNER BUFFET, INCLUDING DES-

SERT!!; Cost for eWN members is \$35.

These prices good through June 19. Beginning June 20, all registrations are \$50, if still available. Registrations are final and no refunds will be made.

Display tables to showcase products and services are available. Only a limited number are available on a first come basis. Cost: \$75. For eWN members: \$50.

SPEAKER: Sarah Craven—Author, Comedian, Motivator,

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# "I saw the expansion and growth, and it really drew me to DART."

"Once I began working for DART I saw a true representation of a melting pot. I saw the people, the places we were going, and to me it really reflected the community as a whole. I've met people here from all different walks of life. That makes my job exciting."

— James Spiller, Deputy Chief of DART Police

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## THE TRUTH CLINIC

### Black Leadership: Anomaly of Political Personality

By James W. Breedlove

The latest statistics from the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies documents the significant increase in Black Elected Officials (BEOs) over the last 30 years.

There were 1,469 BEOs in 1970 rising to 9,040 in 2000; a six fold increase. Blacks are mayors of 47 cities with populations over 50,000. There are 33 Blacks holding statewide elective offices in 18 states; six being in Georgia.

The question then arises: With so many blacks holding these positions of influence and power, why are Blacks still on the bottom rung of every index of well being in this country? Poverty, income, wealth, jobs, education, business ownership, health care, incarceration to name a few.

One of the most serious afflictions impeding the forward progress of America's blacks has been the curious anomaly known as the black leader. It seems the black community is burdened by black leaders, anointed by the white majority, who adhere to the dictates of the larger white community. Since most black leaders are beholden to whites for financial assistance they cannot be 100 percent committed to the pursuit of black interests.

In the American political system, organizations and interest groups wield power. Rarely do individuals. Yet blacks, over the years, have shown a remarkable affinity for their political leaders to be charismatic individuals with a voter base supporting the individual instead of a group agenda.

In the 1960s William Dawson (Illinois), Edward Brooke (Massachusetts), Adam Clayton Powell (New York), and Raymond Jones (New York) were indicative of the broad spectrum of black charismatic politicians.

They ranged in style from Brooke's conservatism to Powell's radicalism. From Dawson's non-dissenting organization loyalty to Jones' dissenting but loyal style. All achieved the heights of political power but not the commensurate exercise of that power. And nothing of substance has changed over the years, only more black officials.

Various interest groups have obtained political power by controlling the dissemination of voting blocks to a party or candidate, demanding control of selected policy making jobs, backlash punishment of any politician opposing the group's interests, organized education of voters, and lobbying for legislation that promotes the group's interests.

For most ethnic groups it is a well known axiom that political power is directly related to the proportion of its vote in elections. Blacks, with few exceptions, have been unsuccessful in using the same methods for black advantage.

In the 1970s mainstream black leaders changed from the traditional civil rights agenda to a compromising agenda. They focused on getting corporation money to keep the "organization" alive, not to move the black community forward by pragmatically addressing the real problems.

As such, black leaders have become harmless spokespersons who hold endless meetings, planning sessions, and conferences in which they gratuitously give themselves awards, plaques, tributes and testimonials. They make endless resolutions calling for action. Then deals are cut with majority politicians and business leaders ostensibly on behalf of the black community but in reality never changing the relative status quo between blacks and the majority society.

Leaders diligently maneuver to command center stage at

press conferences, get their pictures and quotes into TV sound bites, and put their media spin on racial issues. And because blacks have allowed charismatic leadership to become synonymous with star worship and celebrity genuflection Black America pays a dear price for this political superficiality.

The sad truth is that because of this anomaly of political personality blacks have narrowed their political options to one: the Democratic Party. The simple fact is that most black politicians and other organizational leaders are not accountable to a black base, and have been willing to let the Democrats have black votes for free. Moreover, this situation is unlikely to change without the emergence of new leadership within the black community, not to replace but to augment. Republicans try to court blacks during election season, but it is obvious that their programs are not black inclusive. This must change.

This much we know: unless we open up political debate within our own ranks, our politics will not be improved. Unless those politics are improved, we will miss opportunities that do exist. If we miss those opportunities, we will remain at the mercy of the majority society.

To what promised land is Black America being lead? Is it economic security, political equity, educational parity, or even ethnic self-esteem? Sad to say, black leaders have not made a definitive game plan known to the black community. And if you do not know where you are going how can you expect to get there?

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at jaydubub@swbell.net

## Being Black When No One is Looking

By James Clingman NNPA

Have you ever wondered what those Black folks, who seem to be afraid of being perceived as "too Black," think when they look into the mirror? Do you think that when they are alone they acknowledge who they really are? Do you think that when they stare at themselves, they appreciate the reflection looking back at them? And, what about this? Do you think—despite some of our brothers' and sisters' reluctance and resistance in some cases to being Black—that they admit who they are and understand their place in history?

I have often said, "You cannot run or move away from being Black; you cannot graduate from being Black; and you cannot gain enough wealth to remove your Blackness."

Unfortunately, some of us think we can, and we are sadly disappointed when we find our efforts are futile. Nevertheless, some of us continue to try to assimilate and feel so graciously endowed and "extra special" when allowed in the inner-sanctums of White-owned corporations, country clubs, boards, and all of the other positions that make some of us feel privileged.

Some of our people, to this day, desperately continue to seek that special title of being the "first Black," and use it to rank themselves over others. What do those folks think when they stand absolutely alone and look at themselves? What do they do when faced with a decision that will impact, either positively or

negatively, on another Black brother or sister? What do they do when no one is looking?

Someone said good character is "doing the right thing when no one is looking." Being Black has the same application for me. Some of us are so enamored by the trappings of society that when placed in a situation where someone is watching, especially Whites, we tend to do and say what we think they want to hear. You know how it is. We want to be accepted as equals, as peers. This is especially true in the workplace. It's the "mask" we wear. But, even if you are one of those Black folks, there will still be times when you will face the reality of

your Blackness. There will come a time when you will have to make a decision, when no one is looking, for instance, to make a purchase from a Black-owned business. You may encounter an opportunity to help your brother or sister in a way that may not sit too well with White folks if they found out. What will you do?

Many Black people make those kinds of decisions everyday. Our level of consciousness more time than not determines what our final decision will be. We can either run and (try to) hide from our Blackness by walking past a Black-owned store to get to one owned by someone else, or we can patronize the Black storeowner. We can get lost in the world of status and position and forget about our people, or we can use our intellectual capacity (and finan-

cial resources) to help more of our people get to our level and beyond. We can hold the door open for another brother or sister (or, "send the elevator back down," as Dikembe Mutombo says), or we can slam the door and nail it shut, preventing others to follow in our footsteps.

We can make those decisions and many more, all while no one is looking. No one will ever know, unless you tell him or her, that you decided to go against your people rather than help your people. No one will ever see your reluctance and resistance to being what God made you, and demonstrating your Blackness by doing what you can to help your people. No one

will see, but will you be able to sleep at night? Will you be able to face your children when they grow up, more enlightened than you, and ask why Black people don't own more

resources than we do, why our businesses fail at such a high rate, why we are no further along economically than we were a generation ago, why our people lead the nation in all the

negative categories, why there are so many Black men in prison, why there is such an inordinate number of Black folks who are functionally illiterate. What will you tell them?

Some of us will not be able to say we did anything to help make the situation better. But, I'm sure we'll come up with something. We can always lie. After all, no one was looking.

## You & Your Money

### Financial Planning Still Important After Retirement



Billie Meador

Throughout your working years, you save and invest so that you can create a comfortable lifestyle in retirement. After you're retired, though, you still need to do some financial planning if you're going to maintain that lifestyle.

To keep your retirement plans on track, you can take a number of steps. Here are a few of the most important ones:

Determine your income level. Before you retired, you knew the source of your income — your paychecks. But in retirement, you may have multiple sources of income — investments, Social Security, pensions and retirement plans, such as your 401(k). Once you know how much money you have coming in, you'll know how much you can afford to withdraw, so that you won't run the risk of outliving your resources.

Protect tax-deferred vehicles. Many people think that they'll automatically enter a lower tax bracket when they retire. But that's not the case. If you have significant income from savings, retirement plans and investments, you could easily stay in the same tax bracket — or even move up. That's why it's important to preserve your

tax-deferred accounts — such as your IRAs and your 401(k) — as long as possible. Try to withdraw as little as you can from these vehicles, especially during your early retirement years. Look instead to other sources of income, including Social Security, personal savings, tax-exempt municipal bonds, and, if you have one, a traditional pension.

Don't sell all your stocks. Today's healthier lifestyles have enabled many people to live two or three decades in retirement. That's a lot of years to pay for — so you may still need some growth-oriented investments, such as stocks. A qualified financial professional can help you choose those stocks that meet your individual risk tolerance and that fit within your diversified portfolio. Also, when you sell stocks, especially those with a substantial gain, you could change your tax situation. So, before you sell, consult with your tax advisor, in addition to your investment professional.

Don't rush into an expensive new lifestyle. Many people have big plans for retirement. They'll buy a recreational vehicle (RV) and travel around the country. Or they'll buy a condo-

minium by a golf course and hit the links every day. Or they'll purchase a home by the lake and stay there six months of the year. There's nothing wrong with any of these goals, but they can be dauntingly expensive. Before you plunge into a costly new lifestyle, try it out first. Instead of buying an RV or a condo or a cottage, rent one. You'll be under no long-term obligation, and you'll learn whether your "dream" lifestyle is really what you expected.

Consider part-time work. Don't close the door to work just because you're formally "retired." If you enjoyed what you did in the working world, consider doing it on a part-time basis, or as a consultant. You'll be doing something you like, while you bring in income that can help preserve your retirement funds. Be aware, however, that your earned income could affect the amount of Social Security that you receive.

By making the right financial and investment moves, you can achieve the freedom you need to make your retirement years rewarding and enjoyable. So, think carefully about what you need to do — and then do it. A happy retirement is waiting

## Teen Summit

On June 14 through June 16, 2002, the Black United Fund Of Texas/Urban Theater and Radio One 97.9 The Beat, will be hosting their black Music Month - 1st Annual Teen summit in response to unmet needs of our teen community.

We look forward to your becoming a part of the solution, by helping us to eradicate youth disillusionment and summer time blues, which could lead to trouble. One of the greatest gifts you can give to our outh is to listen and give them a voice con-

cerning their issues and desires. It is a part that many times we fail to provide adequate resources to help them achieve their endeavors, therefore, Additions Communications, Inc. to name one of the businesses have come together to address concerns, offer options possibilities and assist in cultivating their potential.

Our agenda this year will include workshop topics: Violence/Sexuality In Music, How did Sept 11th crisis impact your life, What do you think hap-

pened to cause a decrease in cities crime rate and College-Bound - How are your preparing yourself.

The Teen Summit will offer youth challenging opportunities, ideas, and resources so they can see themselves becoming positive, responsible teenagers resulting in becoming positive productive adults.

For more information contact Eva Miles at (972) 667-0882 or (972) 675-6132.

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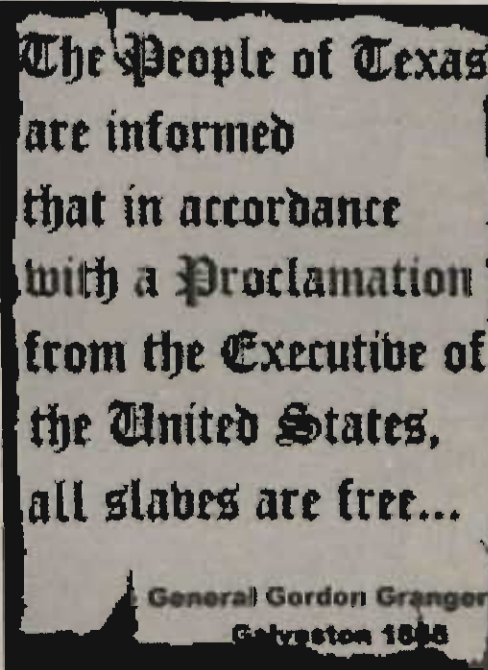
MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

## Juneteenth

### Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long over due. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society. The celebrations that followed the reading of the proclamation by General Gordon Granger began a tradition that has lasted over one hundred years, and today is hosted in cities across America and beyond.



## NFL GREAT CALVIN HILL HELPS LAUNCH HEART FAILURE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Spotlight Health, the leading creator of celebrity-featured health issue awareness campaigns, and Guidant Corporation, a world leader in the treatment of cardiac and vascular diseases, announced that Calvin Hill, former running back for the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, Washington Redskins and Cleveland Browns and father of NBA superstar Grant Hill, will lead a national campaign to raise awareness of the symptoms and treatments of heart failure. The campaign will also provide support for those diagnosed with the condition and for their caregivers.

"As a leader in device-based therapy for the treatment of heart failure, Guidant is committed to increasing awareness of this debilitating disease," said Fritz French, vice president of marketing, Guidant Corporation. "We are happy to be partnering with Calvin Hill and Spotlight Health to provide much needed information to patients and their families."

Heart failure-not to be confused with a heart attack-develops gradually as a weakened heart slowly loses its ability to pump blood through the body efficiently. As blood flow declines, the body's organs and other tissues may receive inadequate amounts of oxygen and nutrients, leading to varying degrees of limitation in activity

and eventually death.

Because his father died from the condition, Calvin Hill has chosen to partner with Spotlight Health to encourage the public to determine whether they are at

streaming video clips on Spotlight Health's Web site.

Calvin Hill was born in Baltimore in 1947; Hill grew up as the only child of a construction worker and his wife, a homemaker and seamstress, during a time of racial tension. His father, Henry Hill, who had only a second-grade education, played a strong role in encouraging Hill to seek higher education. After being pursued by several colleges known for their football teams, Hill chose Yale University, where he majored in history and became fraternity brother and friend to President George W. Bush.

In 1969 the Dallas Cowboys drafted Hill, who became Rookie of the Year and set a record in 1972 for being the first Cowboy to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. In 1974 Hill left the Cowboys to sign with the newly formed World Football League. After the league's demise in 1976, he returned to the NFL, signing with the Washington Redskins. He ended his pro-football career with the Cleveland Browns from 1978 to 1981.

Hill and his wife, Janet, Vice president of a corporate consulting firm located in Washington D.C., live in Great Falls, Virginia. Their son Grant Hill is a professional basketball superstar who has played for the Orlando Magic since 2000.



Calvin Hill

risk for the disease and, if so, to seek treatment. Hill will offer his support, optimism and motivation to those living with heart failure and to their caregivers through multimedia components designed to educate and inspire those affected by the disease.

"Although heart failure took the life of my father, I would like to honor his memory by helping others who have this condition understand that there are treatments that can improve the quality of their lives and may extend their lives," said Hill.

As part of the campaign, Hill will tell the story of his personal involvement in his father's battle with heart failure in

## Sr. Promotions Planner for NextStage at Grand Prairie

Vivian joined NextStage at Grand Prairie in October 2001. As the Sr. Promotions Planner, she has handled the marketing of such top name entertainers as B.B. King, Bonnie Raitt and Boney James. She also serves as the publicity contact for the 6,350 seat concert and theatrical venue. She was an Associate Producer for KLTU (ABC) serving as liaison for Entertainment Tonight while producing a local segment on actor Matthew McConaughey. In 1996, Vivian went to work for KTVT Channel 11 (CBS) as Assignment Editor. As a freelance entertainment reporter, Vivian conducted interviews with leading Hollywood talent including Kevin Bacon, Keanu Reeves and Melanie Griffin. Vivian worked as a publicist for Planet Hollywood Dallas in 1998 before joining Ticketmaster as their Promotions Manager. In this capacity, she



Vivian Fullerlove

garnered publicity and managed promotions and marketing for clients in the Dallas/Fort Worth region including the Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Summer Musicals and Billy Bob's Texas. Vivian has participated in seasonal activity for Sports Media, Inc. as the Production and Talent Coordinator. She handled guest coordi-

nation and booking and directed the set-up of venues for high profile sports radio broadcasts including Cowboys Live with former Dallas Cowboys Quarterback Jason Garret, The Chad Hennings Show and The Tony Casillas Show. In addition, she operates her own public relations company, VLF Media & Promotions. Clients include Dallas based film production company CDU Productions and Wind River Films. She also hosts the online entertainment program Reel Critics on [www.afroscene.com](http://www.afroscene.com), Dallas' most informative and cutting edge website serving today's African American audience. Vivian has an Associate of Arts Degree in Communications from Kilgore Jr. College and is originally from the East Texas town of Henderson where her family still lives.

### SAIL BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH THE SURVIVORS

Collin County Community College District's Seniors Active In Learning (SAIL) Brown Bag Lunch series offers summer fun. Dixieland music group The Survivors provide the entertainment for the summer's first lunch at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 6 in room F108, at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800

Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

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For more information about SAIL, please call 972-985-3788.

## Capitol Watch

### Election problems in Plano to be addressed



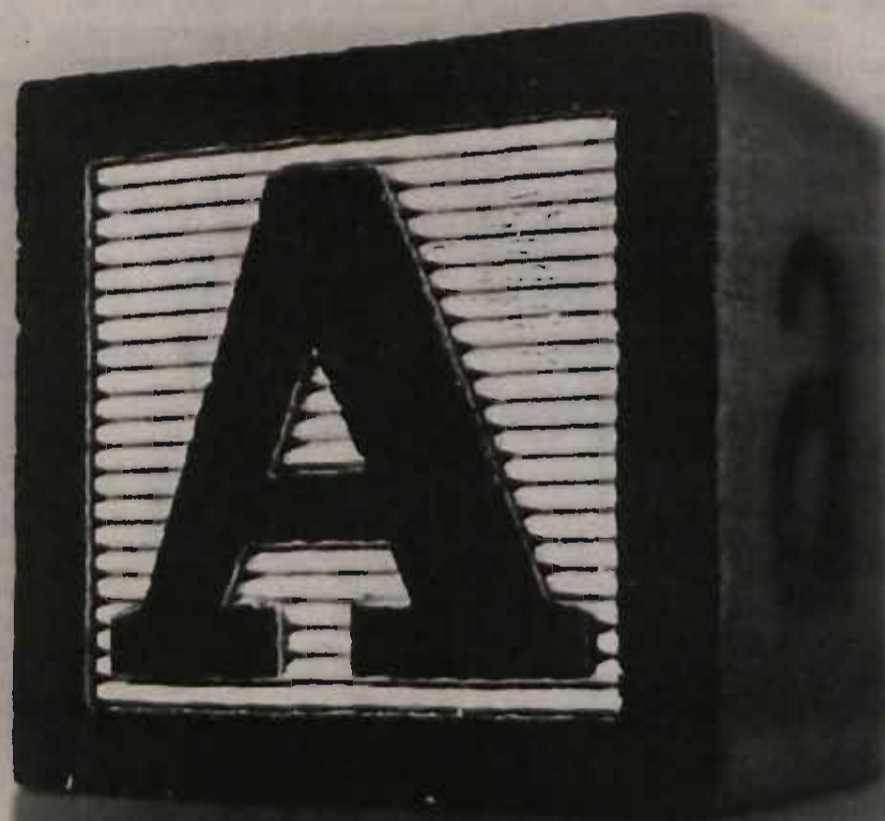
By: Felicia Coleman

On June 12, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., there will be a meeting in the City Council Chamber of the Plano Center at 1520 Avenue K, to address voting problems. Election administrators and party officials will be asked to testify before the Texas House Elections Committee to address recent election problems statewide. State Representative and committee member Jerry Madden said that the committee will be interested in hearing testimony about the training, retention of election workers, and other concerns. "There's a definite concern in the Legislature. Statewide, we're seeing problems with retaining good election workers", Mr. Madden said. Rick Neudorff, chairman of the Republican Party of Collin County said that he plans to discuss the low pay for election workers and to offer testimony about last minute changes in voting locations. Sharon Rowe, Collin County Election Administrator, said that the last minute changes in voting are due to "workers unable to serve at the last minute." "Finding adequate staff is becoming a major problem", Rowe said. Rowe said that she would testify at the meeting because she have experienced voters coming in frustrated because they are at the wrong location and for the fact that she have lost election workers because of the hostility and anger they hear from voters.

The final hearing will be heard later in the summer in Austin. Madden said that the committee plans to submit a report to give to the Speaker of the House to consider changes to the states election laws

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## AVOIDING TICKS BEST WAY TO PREVENT DISEASES THEY CARRY

The weather is warm. The days are long. Both animals and people are in the countryside. It's tick time in Texas.

Ticks are often found in the same spots that people like to visit—wooded, brushy and grassy areas. And they often land on animals as well. A bite from an infected tick can cause illness such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, human ehrlichiosis and tularemia. With prompt medical attention, these illnesses can almost always be successfully treated. But if people do not recognize the symptoms and seek treatment, the illness can be serious, even fatal.

The tick most likely to carry disease in Texas is the lone star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, according to Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian and director of the Zoonosis Control Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "This tick, which is about the size of a watermelon seed, will readily feed on human blood," she said. Other tick species prefer attaching to animals and staying there.

The most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country is Lyme disease, a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, and heart and nervous system problems. Named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where it was first described in 1976, the disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Occasionally there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite.

Untreated, Lyme disease can result in severe damage to joints, the heart and nervous system. Studies show that from 1 percent of ticks in Texas carry the organism that causes the disease. From 1990 through 2000, more than 2,200 possible cases of Lyme disease were reported in Texas. Of these, 732 cases were confirmed.

Symptoms of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis include headaches, muscle aches and high fever. A measles-like rash also may be present.

Tularemia is a bacterial disease affecting animals and humans, usually transmitted through a bite from an infected tick. It also can spread through contact with blood or tissue from infected animals or by handling or eating undercooked rabbit meat.

Symptoms of tularemia include fever, ulcerative skin sore and painful swollen lymph glands. If the organism is ingested, the person may have a throat infection, abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting. Antibiotics are used to treat tick-borne diseases.

"Avoiding ticks is always the best prevention for any of these diseases," Mahlow said. "Keep fleas and ticks off pets and discourage unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home," she said. To protect yourself from ticks:

- If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They can attach to any part of the body—head to toe.

- Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.
- Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites by wearing a hat, long sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.
- Use insect repellent containing DEET (chemical name, N, N-diethyl-methyl-p-toluidide) or permethrin (follow Package directions).

If you find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it takes time to remove the tick properly. Ticks should be removed from pets using the same technique or by using a tick dip. Using petroleum jelly or touching the tick with a hot match may be common practices but are not the best procedures, Mahlow said.

## Ponder Points

By Peary Perry

Soldier's uniforms.....if you'll recall, from your history books or movies, those in use up until the Napoleonic wars were bright and colorful. They changed after this time period with the advent of guns and better firearms. Colors weren't so important in the days when you were fighting very close to your enemy with a sword. At longer distances, you were easier to identify thus the coming of drab colors for the military.

Along the same line concerning fashion.....why are judge's robes always black? Well, they weren't until the death of Queen Mary in 1694. They were changed to black in her honor and weren't ever changed back to their previous colors.

The US Food and Drug Administration reports that 2 out of every 5 women in this country dye their hair. How did they get this information? I've never had any woman admit

this to me.

We just celebrated the holiday called .... Festum Stultorum. What you've never heard of it? Why it's been around since early Roman days. We know it as 'April Fools Day.'

Virginia Dare...sounds like some exotic dancer doesn't she? Nope, she was the first

American born child of English parents in the year 1587. Happened at the Roanoke Island Colony. Nobody knows what happened to those folks. They just disappeared.

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## The Willie Lynch Letter from Page 1

is the same for both the horse and the nigger, only slightly varying in degrees. But as we said before, there is an art in long range economic planning. You must keep your eye and thoughts on the female and the offspring of the horse and the nigger.

A brief discussion in offspring development will shed light on the key to sound economic principles. Pay little attention to the generation of original breaking, but concentrate on future generation. Therefore, if you break the female mother, she will break the offspring in its early years of development, and when the offspring is old enough to work, she will deliver it up to you, for her normal female protective tendencies will have been lost in the original breaking process.

For example, take the case of the wild stud horse, a female horse and an already infant horse and compare the breaking process with two captured nigger males in their natural state, a pregnant nigger woman with her infant offspring. Take the stud horse, break him for limited containment. Completely break the female horse until she becomes very gentle, whereas you or anybody can ride her in comfort. Breed the mare and the stud until you have the desired offspring. Then you can turn the stud to freedom until you need him again. Train the female horse whereby she will eat out of your hand, and she will in turn train the infant horse to eat out of your hand also.

When it comes to breaking uncivilized niggers, use the same process, but vary the degree and step up the pressure, so as to do a complete reversal of the mind. Take the meanest and most restless nigger, strip him of his clothe in front of the remaining male nigger, the female, and the nigger infant, tar and feather him, tie each leg to a different horse faced in opposite direction, set him a fire and beat both horses to pull him apart in from of the remaining niggers. The

next step is to take a bull whip and beat the remaining nigger male to the point of death, in front of the female and the infant. Don't kill him, but put the fear of God in him, for he can be useful for future breeding.

### The Breaking Process Of The African Woman

Take the female and run a series of test on her to see if she will submit to your desires willingly. Test her in every way, because she is the most important factor for good economics. If she shows any sign of resistance in submitting completely to your will, do not hesitate to use the bull whip on her to extract that last bit of bitch out of her. Take care not to kill her, for in doing so, you will spoil good economics. When in complete submission, she will train her offspring in the early years to submit to labor when they become of age.

Understanding is the best thing. Therefore, we shall go deeper into this area of the subject matter concerning what we have produced here in this breaking process of the female nigger. We have reversed the relationships. In her natural uncivilized state she would have a strong dependency on the uncivilized nigger male, and she would have a limited protective tendency toward her independent male offspring and would raise female offspring to be dependent like her. Nature had provided for this type of balance. We reversed nature by burning and pulling one civilized nigger apart and bull whipping the other to the point of death, all in her presence. By her being left alone, unprotected, with the male image destroyed, the ordeal caused her to move from her psychological dependent state to a frozen independent state. In this frozen psychological state of independence, she will raise her male and female offspring in reversed roles. For fear of the young males' life, she will psychologically train him to be mentally weak and dependent, but physically strong.

Because she has become psychologically independent, she will train her female offspring's to be

psychologically independent. What have you got? You've got the nigger woman out front and the nigger man behind and scared. This is a perfect situation for sound sleep and economics.

Before the breaking process, we had to be alertly on guard at all times. Now we can sleep soundly, for out of frozen fear his woman stands guard for us. He cannot get past her early infant slave molding process. He is a good tool, now ready to be tied to the horse at a tender age.

By the time a nigger boy reaches the age of sixteen, he is soundly broken in and ready for a long life of sound and efficient work and the reproduction of a unit of good labor force.

Continually, through the breaking of uncivilized savage niggers, by throwing the nigger female savage into a frozen psychological state of independence, by killing of the protective male image, and by creating a submissive dependent mind of the nigger male slave, we have created an orbiting cycle that turns on its own axis forever, unless a phenomenon occurs and reshifts the positions of the male and female slaves. We show what we mean by example. Take the case of the two economic slave unit and examine them closely.

### The Negro Marriage Unit

We breed two nigger males with two nigger females. Then we take the nigger males away from them and keep them moving and working. Say the one nigger female bears a nigger female and the other bears a nigger male. Both nigger females, being without influence of the nigger male image, frozen with an independent psychology, will raise their offspring into reverse positions. The one with the female offspring will teach her to be like herself, independent and negotiable (we negotiate with her through her, by her, and negotiate her at will). The one with the nigger male offspring, she being frozen with a subconscious fear for his life, will raise him to be mentally dependent and weak, buy physical-

ly strong, in other words, body over mind. Now, in a few years when these two offsprings become fertile for early reproduction, we will mate and breed them and continue the cycle. That is good, sound, and long range comprehensive planning.

### WARNING: Possible Inter- loping Negatives

Earlier we talked about the non-economic good of the horse and the nigger in their wild or natural state; we talked about the principle of breaking and tying them together for orderly production. Furthermore, we talked about paying particular attention to the female savage and her offspring for orderly future planning; then, more recently we state that, by reversing the positions of the male and the female savages, we had created an orbiting cycle that turns on its own axis forever, unless phenomenon occurred and reshifted and positions of the male and female savages.

Our experts warned us about the possibility of this phenomenon occurring, for they say that the mind has a strong drive to correct and reconvert itself over a period of time if I can touch substantial original historical base, and they advised us that the best way to deal with the phenomenon is to shave of the brute's mental history and create a multiplicity of phenomena of illusions, so that each illusion will twirl in its own orbit, something similar to floating balls in a vacuum.

This creation of multiplicity of phenomena of illusions entails the principles of crossbreeding the nigger, and the horse as we stated about the purpose of which is created a diversified division of labor thereby creating different levels of labor and different values of illusion at a connecting level of labor. The results of which is severance of the points of original beginnings for the orbit sphere illusion. Since we know that the subject matter maybe more complicated as we proceed in laying down the economic plan concerning the pur-

pose, reason, and effect of crossbreeding horses and niggers, we shall lay down the following definition terms for future generations.

1. Orbiting cycle means a thing turning in a given path. 2. Axis means upon which it around which a body turns. 3. Phenomenon means something beyond ordinary concept and inspires awe and wonder. 4. Multiplicity means a great number. 5. Means a globe. 6. Cross-breeding a horse means taking a horse and breeding it with an ass and you get a dumb backward ass longheaded mule that is not reproductive or productive by itself. 7. Crossbreeding niggers mean taking so many drops of good white blood and putting them into as many nigger women and possible, varying the drops to the various tone that you want and then letting them breed with each other until the change of colors appear as you desire. What this means is this: mix the niggers and the horse in the breeding pot, mix some ass and some good white blood and what do you get? You get a multiplicity of colors of a backward, unusual nigger running, tied to a backward and longheaded mule, the one productive of itself, the other sterile. (The

one constant and the other dying, we keep the nigger constant for we may replace the mule for another tool) but the mule and the nigger tied to each other, neither know where the other came from and neither productive for itself nor without each other.

### Controlled Language

Cross-breeding completed, further severance from the original beginning, we may completely annihilate the mother tongue of both the new nigger and the new mule and institute a new language that involves the new life's work of both. You know, language is a peculiar institution. It leads to the heart of a people. The more a foreigner knows about the language of another country the more this is able to move through all levels of that society. Therefore, if the foreigner is an enemy of the country, to the extent that he knows the body of the language, to that extent is the country vulnerable to attack or invasion of a foreign culture. For example, you take a slave, if you teach him all about your language, he will know all your secrets, and he is then no more a slave, for you can't fool him any longer, and being a fool is one of the basic ingredients of an incidents to the maintenance of the slavery system.

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| 3. OCEAN'S ELEVEN                        | 3. OCEAN'S ELEVEN                        |
| 4. OTHERS, THE                           | 4. OTHERS, THE                           |
| 5. SNOW DOGS                             | 5. FROM HELL                             |
| 6. HOW HIGH                              | 6. HOW HIGH                              |
| 7. BEHIND ENEMY LINES                    | 7. BEHIND ENEMY LINES                    |
| 8. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE                  | 8. CORKY ROMANO                          |
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| 10. SPI GAME                             | 10. SNOW DOGS                            |

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| 5. SHREK                                 | 5. HOW HIGH                              |
| 6. DRAGON BALL Z: FUSION - A BATTLE      | 6. BEHIND ENEMY LINES                    |
| 7. STAR WARS: EPISODE 1                  | 7. SNOW DOGS                             |
| 8. DRAGON BALL Z: FUSION - PLAY FOR TIME | 8. STATE PROPERTY                        |
| 9. AUSTIN POWERS                         | 9. NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE                |
| 10. INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY         | 10. FAST AND THE FURIOUS                 |
| 11. THE MUMMY                            |  |

These are the rental New Releases hitting the streets on Tuesday, June 11, 2002. Titles also available for rent on DVD are indicated with \*

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| BLACK HAWK DOWN*       | BLUES CLUES: BIG, BLUE AND JUST FOR YOU - VOL. 6 |
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## JAGGED EDGE

R&B music is cluttered with so many boy bands that it's hard to keep track of who's who. But when it comes to distinction and "edging out" the competition while creating a league of their own, the men of Jagged Edge always manage to successfully stand out. With two phenomenal past albums—1998's RIAA gold debut *A Jagged Era*, and 2000's multiple-platinum smash *J.E. Heartbreak*—notched on the group's collective belt, Richard Wingo, Kyle Norman, and twin brothers Brian and Brandon Casey are once again skillfully showing the world what real R&B sounds like on the third dynamic J.E. disk, *Jagged Little Thrill*. To prepare fans for what can only be described as a "higher level" of R&B on what is perhaps Jagged Edge's most moving work to date, lead singer Brian says, "We weren't scared to say anything on this album."

*Jagged Little Thrill*'s lyrical fearlessness shows the group's growth and will undoubtedly secure the group's reputation on R&B's legendary roster of icons. "We've discovered that we can make the type of music that we want to make and still send more of a message than in some of the past songs we've made," says Brian. "We felt we could make a statement people haven't made in a long time while keeping it real hot. Real up-to-date. And real fly."

*Jagged Little Thrill* takes the listener on an emotionally stimulating ride. Stunning standouts like "No Respect" address issues of domestic abuse and disrespect. Lines like "Got no respect for them dudes that hit their women/Got no respect for them fools that leave their children/I just want to take care of my family/Got no respect if you ain't trying to do the right thing," will inspire and motivate change in the same way that "Let's Get Married" moved lovers to the altar. And as "No Respect" checks the men, timeless tracks like "Head of the Household," produced by Gary "Gizzo" Smith ("Promise") represent the good guys of the world, reminding the ladies to stand by their man. "We dug deep on these songs," says Kyle. "We made a vow that

we'd make songs that are reality, edgy, and not just funky or on the vibe of the moment."

It's this forward thinking that makes *Jagged Little Thrill* bring chills down the spine. Just as Jagged Edge's sultry love song sound drove them straight into the hearts of their fans and to the top of the Billboard



charts in the past, *Jagged Little Thrill* is filled with the quartet's trademark heartfelt ballads. There are impeccable tracks like the dreamy "Can We Be Tight," tearjerkers like "Goodbye"—which was produced by Jermaine Dupri, winner of ASCAP's "Writer of the Year" (for the 3rd time in 5 years)—and the silken melody of "Remedy," which finds SESAC Writer of the Year Bryan-Michael Cox (of the Noontime camp) helping the J.E. heartbreakers stroke the ladies right. And after they get deep, inspire change, and have you falling in love, Jagged Edge easily moves to a lighter note. They'll have you on the dance floor while you're shaking your rump to the funky first single, "Where the Party At" featuring Nelly. Then, they've got you swaying with Ludacris on unstoppable club bangers like "Cut Something" and "I Got It" featuring Trina. Executive-produced by Jermaine Dupri and co-produced by Jagged Edge, *Jagged Little Thrill* is older, more confident, and passionately focused. Wingo, Kyle, Brian and Brandon take you on an exhilarating ride. From beginning to end, *Jagged Little Thrill* is a thrilling trip that will undoubtedly drive the group straight to the top.

After a solid upbringing where they honed their vocal skills in church choirs, Jagged Edge first came together in Atlanta, Georgia. Connecticut natives Brian and Brandon moved to the Peach Tree State and connected with Kyle and a few other songmen. Although they planned to sign with Michael Bivins and his Biv Ten label, it wasn't meant to be. Changes were made. Xscape's Kandi Burruss brought Wingo to the group. A demo was shopped. And after hearing a live capella performance by the quartet, Jermaine Dupri quickly signed the captivating crooners to his So So Def label. Always keeping writing

duties within the group, Jagged Edge has stood out from the beginning. "We've always kept all of the writing in house. Jermaine trusted us," says Kyle. "He never did that with any other group." Three albums later, Jagged Edge keep minting the hits, daring to write about, and venture into, untapped territory. "Times change and we try to keep it fresh and new. We write our lyrics to reflect events that are going on in our lives," says Wingo. "Without the meat of the music, which are the lyrics, you really don't have anything. So we try to improve each and every time."

A *Jagged Era* was the fledgling beginning for four unknown talents. And *J.E. Heartbreak* was the double-platinum breakthrough that put them on the map. But *Jagged Little Thrill* signifies Jagged Edge's graduation into the school of classic R&B acts—alongside New Edition, Jodeci, and Boyz II Men. *Jagged Little Thrill* showcases undeniable maturity, growth and confidence as four men who can effectively say what they mean, build on the old, and slide in the new, while still keeping you grooving to each tune—every time.

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## On Stage at NextStage at Grand Prairie:

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June 6

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July 6

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July 13

Berlin  
July 14

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July 20

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July 20

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Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. Monday, June 17, 2002, at 2075 West Commerce, Building #100, Dallas, Texas 75208, at which time and place all bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained from the Dallas Housing Authority, 2075 West Commerce, Bldg. #100, Dallas, Texas 75208 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. To obtain bid documents, please call (214) 672-0226 for directions.

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March 1, 2002-  
June 15, 2002

Dr. Emmett Conrad Leadership Program. Internship program to assist colleg students with acquiring PAID employment experience in their field of interest. For more information call 214-467-0123.

June 1-June 29

Black Music Month: Salute to the Black Composer. Price is \$5-\$15 at the South Dallas Cultural Center. For more information call 214-939-2787.

June 3-July 19

SMART (Summer of Math, Arts and Recreation Technology) Camp for students ages 3-5 and 6-12 years of age. The camp will be divided into three sessions and will include Lego Discovery labs, educational and fun filled trips. The cost is \$100/ session with each additional child at \$75/session. For

more information contact Froswa Booker-Drew, Community Center Director at 214-421-5221 ext. 122 or Amie Sudds, Athletic Director at ext. 117.

June 7

Brian McKnight's Birthday Celebration hosted by K104's Skip Cheatham and NBA stars Antonio McDysse and George McCloud. Event will take place at Abbotsford Court (formerly Yvette's). For more information call 972-503-9777.

June 14

Dallasblack.com presents Dallasblack offline, a professional Networking Mixer at Marie Gabrielle. Free before 6 p.m.; \$5.00 after. For more information call 214-827-7977.

June 15

Juneteenth Run/ Walk 5K and 1 mile. Price: \$12.00 if mailed by 6/8/02; other

\$15.00. Proceeds will help fund Student scholarships. For more information call 817-265-4578.

June 15

Heritage Farmstead Museum Summer Concert. Grounds open at 7 p.m. at 1900 15th. For more information contact Heritage Farmstead Museum at 972-881-0140.

June 15

Nova USA Fitness Championship. 9 a.m.-5p.m. and 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Women's fitness event and men and women powerlifting. Admission is \$10.00. For more information contact Nova Fitness at 727-849-7379.

June 15

Juneteenth Celebration- Douglass Community Center. Call the Plano and Parks Recreation Department at 972-941-7250 for more information.

June 15

DFW Affordable Homebuyers and Health Creation Fair. Onsite Counseling and training. The event will be at The Potter's House Event Center. Price: Free. Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call 214-467-0983 ext. 701.

June 15

Serve Breakfast at Arlington Night Shelter. The Kappa Alpha Sorority will help serve breakfast at Arlington Night Shelter. Volunteers are needed. Time: 6 a.m.-8 a.m. For more information call 817-477-5258.

June 16

Real Men Cook. A Father's Day Charity Event that will benefit Real Men Charities and Inroads, DFW. Price is \$15.00 adults and \$10.00 children. For information call 214-231-6655 ext. 202.

June 18

Representative Chad Henderson and Amy Jowell of Morgan Stanley will present an educational workshop on how to achieve financial security. The event will take place at Galerstein Women's Center, McDermott Library, University of Texas at Dallas. For more information call 972-883-6555.

June 22-23

Hoop It Up will hit Dallas West End. Entry deadline is June 17. Sign up today. To obtain an entry form call 972-392-5750.

June 30-July 1

Finley and Friends 2002 Golf Outing will take place at Stonebriar Country Club. It will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation of North Texas. For more information call 972-450-WISH.

June 20-June 23

Women of Influence Personal Development and Empowerment Conference. Evening Sessions are free. For ticketing information call 817-557-5811.

June 20

Picnic in the Park-on the Road-Hoblitzelle Park. For more information call Plano Parks and Recreation Department at 972-941-7250.

June 21

Jammin at the Center. After hour jazz at the South Dallas Cultural Center from mid-night-3 a.m. The event is free. For more information call 214-939-2787.

June 22

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