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Editorial



Maxine Session

Juneteenth celebrated as a Day of Freedom ...California Inc. asks for National Day of Freedom for all

During June, African Americans celebrate two very important holidays, Father's Day and Juneteenth. Legislation was passed in 1971 making "Father's Day" official.

A 1993 Parent Magazine survey found that 84% of men reported they are spending more time with their children than their fathers spent with them. Hopefully, in 2007 that amount of time has grown.

September 22, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation stating that on the first day of January 1863, all persons held as slaves within the United States were forever free. January 1, 1863, the state of Texas did not comply with President Lincoln's proclamation, keeping the slaves unaware that they were free. Two and one-half years later on June 19, 1865 General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and began spreading the word. For one hundred forty-two years African Americans in Texas have celebrated that day of freedom. Legislation was passed June 13, 1979 and signed into effect by Governor William P. Clements as written and lobbied for by Houston's State Representative Al Edwards, declaring Juneteenth a legal Texas state holiday.

Today, Juneteenth is celebrated throughout most of the other states and countries like Japan with California's Juneteenth America, Inc. working to have the date become a "National Day of Freedom". It would be come the first ever national holiday commemorating slavery.

Letters to the Editor

The child abuse cycle has to stop for Children's Sake!

To The Editor:

My Name is Crystal Miles-Broussard. I have been molested, raped, and drugged up for other people's pleasures. I am here to stop the cycle. It is a repeated cycle that has gone on for generations in my family. Now we have infants and toddlers going through it as I write. It must be stopped. The drug running has to stop as well. For a few generations now, my cousins and I have been running drugs for certain law affiliated and political figures. We have swept a major prostitution ring under the rug. It has been run by a doctor in our home town for over seventeen years. Yes, I have the evidence to back back all of what I say up. And I will not be scared any longer. My life, my husbands life, and our children's lives have all been threatened. It's sad when you cannot even trust your own parents. When my mother found out I was going to expose the family all she could say was, "I do not want to get beat up for what you're doing", and turned her back on me. It's sad. I have even had to call Child Protective Services on them for my oldest son. He was messed with at four year's old by my cousin, the son of the uncle that messed with me. Nothing was done. When it happened to me, my parents told the sheriff's department, "It's a family matter we will take care of it." You know how they took care of this? They sent me to a State Hospital at twelve year's old, making me feel it was my fault. Under twelve years old I was messed with by several different cousins, even my sister's ex-husband. I also have cousins having sex with cousins. I have cousins that are mentally retarded and handicapped from incest in the family. My great grandmother who just passed at one hundred and three years old has over one hundred and seventy descendants and they are multiplying everyday. Over half of these have been involved in the child molestation and incest. It is way past time to stop this sickness. Several of these issues have been reported over the last thirty years, but everything has been swept under the rug. Where is the justice for (continued on page 4)

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