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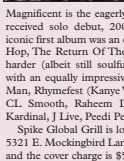
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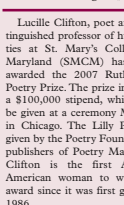
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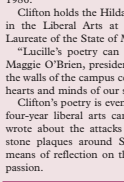
The Neo Soul Cafe presents legendary DJ and hip hop producer Jazzy Jeff in Dallas at Spike Global Grill on Monday, May 21. Jazzy Jeff will be in town to promote his latest album, *The Return of the Magnificent*.



Best known for his collaborations with Will Smith, and subsequent appearances on *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, DJ Jazzy Jeff has been spinning records since the mid-80's.



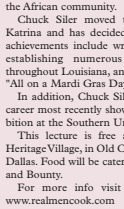
The Return of the Magnificent is the eagerly anticipated follow up to his well received solo debut, 2001's *The Magnificent*. Whilst his iconic first album was an experiment in soul-influenced Hip Hop, *The Return of the Magnificent* DJ Jazzy Jeff plows harder (albeit still soulful) ground, this time hooking up with an equally impressive array of artists such as Method Man, Rhymentast (Kanye West's prodigy), Big Daddy Kane, Cl. Smooth, Raheem DeVaughn, Pos of De La Soul, Kardinal, J Live, Peedi Peedi, and Jean Grae.



Spike Global Grill is located at the Mockingbird Station, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. Doors open at 9 p.m., and the cover charge is \$5, ladies get in free until 10 p.m.



Lucille Clifton, poet and distinguished professor of humanities at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) has been awarded the 2007 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize. The prize includes a \$100,000 stipend, which will be given at a ceremony May 23 in Chicago. The Lilly Prize is given by the Poetry Foundation, publishers of Poetry Magazine. Clifton is the first African American woman to win this award since it was first given in 1986.



Clifton holds the Hilda Combs Landers Endowed Chair in the Liberal Arts at St. Mary's and served as Poet Laureate of the State of Maryland from 1975 to 1985. "Lucille's poetry can be found all over campus," said Maggie O'Brien, president of SMCM. "Her words are on the walls of the campus center, in our bookstore, and in the hearts and minds of our students, faculty and staff."



Clifton's poetry is even woven into the landscape on the four-year liberal arts campus. Seven poems that Clifton wrote about the attacks of September 11, 2001, are on stone plaques around St. John's Pond. They provide a means of reflection on the nature of hate, love and compassion.

State Legislative Session Enters Final Two Weeks



With time running out, here's where some notable legislation stands:

Texas Commission on Youth
The House and Senate have passed different versions of legislation to overhaul the scandal-plagued Texas Youth Commission. It's perhaps the most urgent matter lawmakers addressed once news spread of sexual abuse allegations in youth detention centers. Both bills would improve staff-to-inmate ratios, create new investigative powers to examine abuse claims and prohibit courts from sending juveniles to state lockups for misdemeanors. Both also require

But they've got other high-profile items in their sights.

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Los Rios Residents Serious Neighborhood Zoning Changes

By Monica Thornton

Nestled in the well-established Los Rios neighborhood of Plano is The Los Rios Country Club. It sits on over 200 tree-lined acres, and the surrounding homes sit on large lots. So it came as a surprise to some Los Rios residents when they learned that almost eight acres of the country club are zoned as general office space.

Although golf clubs and country clubs can fall under the City of Plano zoning guidelines for general office space, many Los Rios residents want to see the zoning changed to fall in line with comparable country clubs in Plano.

Mr. Charles Holley, one of the coordinators of the effort to get the zoning changed, said Los Rios Country Club is the only one in Plano with the general office zoning. One of the dangers of the current zoning, he added, is that it can be used for any type of office building, including a



clinic, medical building or for retail purposes.

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Farmer's Branch Challenged On Immigration Law



of households or spouses are legally in the U.S., and the family includes only a spouse, their minor children or parents.

"It is unfortunate that the residents of Farmers Branch have chosen to implement a law which is not only bad policy, but is likely also unconstitutional," said Lisa Graybill, legal director for the ACLU of Texas. "Now the issue will have to be resolved in federal court."

Local proposals aimed at regulating illegal immigration often fail to pass constitutional muster, said Muzaffar Chishty, director of the Migration Policy Institute office at New York University School of Law.

"There is significant frustration, so that's what's driving it," Chishty said. "But the simple fact is they cannot do too much other than impress upon the Congress the need for immigration reform."

City council members first approved the ban in November without discussion, then

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Daughter Of Martin Luther King Jr. Dies



through drama and motivational speaking, collapsed and died. She was 51.

King died late Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif., said Steve Klein, a spokesman for the King Center. The family did not know the cause of death, but relatives think it might have been a heart problem, he said.

"She was an actress, author, producer, advocate for peace and nonviolence, who was known and loved for her motivational and inspirational contributions to society," the King family said in a statement.

Former Mayor Andrew Young, a lieutenant of her father's who has remained close to the family, said King was going to her brother Dexter's home when she collapsed.

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African American Museum Celebrates 22nd Annual Gala

Event Showcases Legendary R&B Group The Whispers

The Southwest African American Museum will hold its 22nd Annual Museum Gala and Auction on May 19, 2007, 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, Dallas. The Museum's Gala has been billed as one of the best events in the metroplex over the last decade.

"I was honored to be asked to chair this exciting event benefiting the Museum for the second time-I was the chair before the move to the new building", said State Rep. Helen Giddings, the 22nd Museum Gala Chairman.

One of R&B music's most beloved and consistently popular vocal groups, The Whispers, was formed by twin brothers Walter and Wallace Scott, who are originally from Fort Worth, Texas. The group scored many hits on the R&B



The Whispers

and Billboard Hot 100 charts throughout the 1970s and 1980, and they hit #1 on the Hot Dance Club Play chart in 1980 with "And the Beat Goes On".

They gained national attention with their seventies albums, "One For The Money", "Open Up Your Love", and "Headlights" producing two singles that

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Plano Hosts "Free Summer Lunch Program" For Youth

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a free summer lunch program at Williams High School, 1717 17th Street. These free meals will be served at the school from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning June 4 and continuing through August 3 (except on Wednesday, July 4th).



"The City of Plano, along with some federal funding and assistance from the Plano Independent School District, work together to provide this

free summer lunch program for youth in our community," said John Knight, Williams Recreation Center Supervisor. Last year City

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Operation Oasis Banquet At Richardson Swan Court

Operation Oasis recently held its annual banquet at Swan Court in Richardson. The Keynote Speaker for the event was Ms. Joyce Ann Brown, President and CEO of Mothers and Fathers for the Advancement of Social Systems (MASS).

The mission for Operation Oasis is to assist youth at-risk, Formerly Incarcerated Persons (FIPs) returning to society and to provide alternative education and workforce development for low and moderate income members of the community.

For more information on Operation Oasis visit www.operation-oasis.org.



Operation Oasis Chairman
Pastor Leslie W. Smith.



Banquet Keynote Speaker and MASS
President Joyce Ann Brown.



Operation Oasis in house
Attorney Larry Jarrett.



Operation Oasis Executive Director Edgar Michael Lee and
Wife Juanita Lee with attendees Bill and Minnie Caruth.

Links Partner With People Helping People For Dallas Episode Of Extreme Home Makeover



Members of the Dallas Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, in cooperation with the City of Dallas Housing Assistance Program, People Helping People, provided a Dallas episode of Extreme Home Makeover. This will be Phase II of the local make over which began on May 5 with removal of tree branches, paint scraping, weeding of lawn, replacement of rotting siding and window installation. The project will improve the living conditions for an elderly woman and her disabled son.

Today, volunteers will gather to complete the home makeover. One volunteer

members, manpower for this project was provided by volunteers from Oncor Electric Delivery and Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price.

Brenda Jackson, project coordinator believes, "community service projects such as People Helping People truly allows us to come together and really help those who, due to their age or other health conditions, do not have the resources to handle these repairs for themselves. All it takes is a willing heart and a little time."



Cheryl Mayo says, "this is truly labor intensive, but so rewarding because it's obvious that she tried her best to maintain her home for as long as she was able. It feels great knowing that within two Saturday mornings, we were able to restore her pride and joy...her home!"

Since 1985, People Helping People has been helping low income, elderly and disabled citizens of Dallas obtain minor exterior home repairs. Repairs include exterior painting, premise cleanup, exterior carpentry repairs, landscaping, small accessory demolition,

and weatherization of homes. The City of Dallas also pays for the supplies needed to make the

Program participants are pre-selected by the City of Dallas Housing Assistance Program. Home improvement projects are acquired through other assistance programs. However finding volunteers to actually provide the repairs remains the major challenge. Those interested in working with the City of Dallas Housing Assistance program People Helping People should call Carla Woodridge at 214-951-8350.

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Around The Town

Ongoing
The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club 3004 Country Club Drive in McKinney.

Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglas 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.assistance-league-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.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.

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.

Kuamaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the Dallas Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. For more info call S-Ankha Rassa at 214-298-5858.

Late Night at the Dallas Museum of Art join us on the third Friday of each month at 1717 N. Friswood. \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students with current school I.D. 214-922-1200, public programs@DallasMuseumofArt.org.

Dallas Baptist University-North Leadership Empowerment Luncheon Series is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Dallas Baptist University-North, 3211 Internet Blvd, Suite 100, Frisco. For more info, call 214-333-5777 or e-mail dbunorth@dbu.edu.

The Yundrae Show the live television taping every Thursday. The doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:45pm. There are door prizes and giveaways each week. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Check it out at www.theyundraeshow.com

May 17
Final Showing! Gallery Exhibition "The Black Academy Of Arts And Letters: Three Decades Of Excellence - Adversity And Revelation - 1987 -1997". Showing through May 19, Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Noon-4 p.m. James E. Kemp Gallery Donations Accepted; Convention Center Theatre Complex, 650 South Griffin Street, (At the corner of Canton and Akard Street), (214) 743-2440

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May 18
Dallas Children's Theater's production of 'A Midnight Cry': James Devita's searing story about a slave's run for freedom runs through May 20. Rosewood Center for Family Arts; 5938 Skillman St. Performances 7p, 9p and 11p, 1-Show Sun May 20 8:25 Showtime 8p. To charge tickets by phone call Hyman @ 817-226-5233.

May 19
Jazz Fridays at Stephanie Ward Gallery: Houston acoustic guitarist Joe Lee McCoy performs his mellow jazz sounds. Join us for live jazz and amazing food and wine, while viewing the artwork of Jeffrey Feynman. Jeffrey will exhibit his original affordable jazz pieces. View art and enjoy conversation with new friends. Also, Author Olive Jensen Theisen will be selling and signing her book, "A Life On Paper." The Drawings and Lithographs of John Thomas Biggers. There will also be works by Biggers at the gallery for viewing. 7-9 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; tickets include food and wine. 920 18th St, Plano, RSVP at 469 229-0024

Dallas Black Dance Theater 30th Anniversary Gala Series, May 18 & 19, Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm Street. Buy tickets at Majestic Theater Box Office or Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com, group rates (10 or more) call DBDT 2148712390

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1409 S. Lamar St Loft 001 SDCC & South Side on Lamar, 12midnight - 3am FREE vmeek@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us 214-670-0315

May 19
SOLI Drum & Dance Festival: A day of West African drum and dance 1201 E. Louisiana St in McKinney, 11:00 a.m., FREE, contact happysol@gmail.com, 214-662-3786; www.drums.org/dng/soli_program.htm

Health for Life: A health fair will be held at the Faith Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church, 825 W. Pentagon Parkway. 12noon-3 p.m. Free health screenings will be provided. For more information, call 214-372-5050.

Richardson ISD Graduation, Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Boulevard in Garland-Berker 9:00 a.m.; Richardson 12:30 p.m.; Pearce 4:00 p.m. Lake Highlands 7:30 p.m.

Book signing by Olive Jensen Theisen and a display of work by John Biggers

John Thomas Biggers (1924-2001) was a major African American artist who inspired countless others through his teaching, murals and paintings and drawing. Theisen interviewed Dr. Biggers during the last thirteen years of his life and was welcomed into his studio innumerable times. This event is open to the public, 3p-6p, Stephanie Ward Gallery, 920 18th St. Plano, TX 469 229-0024 www.stephaniewardgallery.com

May 20
Second Annual AMS Golf Tournament Fundraiser! The Armstrong Middle School Dad's Club and PTA are working together to organize a fun and memorable event. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of sound system upgrades for the school; Los Rios Country

Club 12:15 check-in begins, 1:15pm shot-gun start. COST: \$55 per player; Price includes green fee, cart, range balls, & box lunch. To register, or become a sponsor, go to www.supportarmstrong.com or contact Alan Bertucci (214-315-5883, abertucci@txr.com)

May 22
Nanette Lee hosts her own show "Phat Tuesday" at the Improv Comedy Club. It's more than just a stand-up comedy show. It's an event full of fun and entertainment. 8:00pm, Karaoke starts at 7:30pm, 4980 Beltline Road #250, Dallas, (972) 404-8501

Law Supreme an open mic poetry reading, music and art share opportunity for local artists, happens the first Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the ArtCentre of Plano, 1039 E. 15th Street. Visit myspace.com/poetryreading or myspace.com/artshare or e-mail Deborah at rubat456@yahoo.com

Open House For EMS Week at Fire Station NO. 2 The Irving Fire Department and the Irving Citizen's Fire Academy will host an open house in celebration of EMS Week. Irving residents are invited to attend the free open house and enjoy a fun, educational experience. Activities will include blood pressure checks, fire station tours, equipment demonstrations, healthcare information, and coloring for the kids. Refreshments will be provided. 1306 N. Story Road. City of Irving 2p-7p FREE 972-721-2514

May 24
African American Republican Club Monthly Meeting Collin County Republican Headquarters at 2520 Avenue K, Suite 280. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by food and fellowship. Attend this "Special Meeting" before

our summer break. Program "State of the County" by officials who have been elected to new offices, contacting Fred N. Moses 972-422-0012 Ext. 105.

An Evening with the Authors At Stephanie Ward Gallery: Victor McGlothlin and Armani Valentino will discuss their books and the intricate details surrounding the male-female relationships. Free sponsored by Pinkandpale salon. 6-8 p.m. 920 18th St, Plano; 469 229-0024

May 25
7th Annual BHL Hair Golf Tournament Country View Golf Course 7:00 AM Breakfast: 8:00 AM Shotgun, register online at www.sickledellDallas.org contact Mary Griffin at 214 942-1262, Country View Golf Club 240 W. Beltline Rd Lancaster, (972)227-0995 Fax 972-227-7858 go to the website at <http://www.tournevents.com/citenevs>

May 28
A Family Affair Spend memorial day with family and friends North Texas State fairgrounds, 2217 N Carroll Blvd, Denton, TX in Denton, TX Arispop Events & Promotions, 12noon - midnight \$4 (ages 6-12); \$8 (12 and up) arispop.com, 214-586-5087

May 30
Seal with special guest Shane Alexander 8pm, Nofia Theatre, Grand Prairie 1001 Performance Place Grand Prairie, Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets or phone 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700.

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Paul Hailey

In my career, I have had the pleasure (and displeasure) of working for several different types of managers. All were interested in changing people's behavior in order to achieve a common goal. Some managers used fear and intimidation to change behavior, while others used kindness and common sense. And a few of them even used lies and deception. I recall one manager who had a problem with people leaving dirty dishes in the sink of the break room in our small office. His method of solving this issue was to periodically go into the kitchen and start breaking the dirty dishes on the floor. At first, it scared people into doing the right thing, but eventually it just became a loud, ineffective and illogical approach to the problem.

The voters in Farmers Branch remind me of that manager.

On Saturday, the suburb of Farmers Branch overwhelmingly approved a city ordinance, which essentially bans apartment complexes in the city from renting to illegal immigrants. The vote generated national attention for the town of 28,000, particularly since this was the first time such a measure was put to public vote in Those in favor of the ordinance have cited their disgust with the federal government's inaction on illegal immigration. They are, in the words of Farmers Branch City Council Member Ben Robinson, "trying to do what the federal government won't do," and "stopping unbridled illegal immigration that threatens to make the U.S. a Third World country."

This is the same type of logic used by my plate-breaking manager. The kind of logic

Who Are These People?

that causes sharp, piercing pain sensations in my brain and frustrates me to the point of wanting to pull out my eyelashes with a pair of pliers. I could write three or four columns on how stupid and racist the Farmers Branch ordinance is, but I'll settle for pointing out its flaws on the surface levels.

For starters, the measure doesn't do anything tangible about the immigration problem. One of the main fallacies at work in Farmer's Branch is that keeping apartments from renting to illegal immigrants is somehow going to keep people from crossing the border into Texas from Mexico. I got news for Farmers Branch residents: when you are desperate enough to leave the country of your birth in order to find livable wages that you illegally cross a national border under the threat of arrest and deportation, finding a place to live after you get to the U.S. is not a major concern. These folks are going to find somewhere to live after they get here, and they are not going to be deterred by some ordinance about apartment rentals.

Additionally, the Farmers Branch ordinance is senseless because it will be virtually impossible to enforce. Apartment owners and management companies will rent to whomever they choose to unless there is someone around monitoring their practices. Anyone recall how Hurricane Katrina victims in Dallas were discriminated against while trying to rent apartments? Unless Farmers Branch decides to employ undercover agents posing as illegal immigrant apartment seekers, I would bet money not one apartment complex will be cited for noncompliance with the new ordinance.

Then there's the litigation. There are already two lawsuits pending against Farmers Branch with a whole lot more to follow. Attorneys in one lawsuit against Farmers Branch

asked a federal court on Tuesday to issue an injunction to keep the city from implementing the approved ordinance. The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas are representing Farmer's Branch apartment complexes and tenants.

So not only will the new ordinance likely not be implemented anytime soon, odds are it will probably be declared unconstitutional.

"It's unfortunate that the residents of Farmers Branch have chosen to implement a law which is not only bad policy, but is likely also unconstitutional," said Lisa Graybill, legal director of the ACLU of Texas.

Forget the moral issues, the legal issues with this ordinance are too many to mention. Among them: its unconstitutional because the city is trying to regulate matters exclusively reserved to the federal government; it violates the Federal Housing Act because it disproportionately affects Latinos (42 percent of Latino households in Farmers Branch live in apartments), and it puts an undue burden on apartment complexes.

If the ordinance were comprehensive, by perhaps banning illegal immigrants from working or living in Farmer's Branch it would make more sense to me. But as it is, it strikes me as nothing more than a modern day version of Jim Crow. The ordinance doesn't make it more difficult for illegals to enter Texas, or get jobs. What the people of Farmers Branch are saying is "we don't want you living in our town," and to me, that's racist. Over 60 percent of the residents of Farmers Branch voted for this ordinance. In a town of 28,000 that makes me wonder who exactly are these people?

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Just Over Broke (J.O.B.) - Why Not Consider Hiring Yourself?

By: Farrah Gray - NWPA Columnist

Recent findings from The Bureau of Labor Statistics (a branch of the U.S. Department of Labor, which collects and distributes data about the current job market) report unemployment rate increases to 4.5.

We often forget that behind every statistic, every number, there are real people, trying to keep body and soul together.

Labor Department findings indicate small employment percentage increases nationwide. However, these minor increases represent little real movement in the job market or additional "food on the table" for people who remain unemployed. Research suggests that African-Americans most typically suffer from the downturn, and the income gap is not narrowing. Current unemployment numbers are staggering.

The idea of building "personal economy" around a job is naive and obsolete, especially when one believes that the job will provide a permanent means of earning a living. This misunderstanding can lead to personal and economic collapse.

I meet many individuals at events around the country, who classify themselves as "unskilled" or "semi-skilled" because their jobs require limited technical skills, yet those same individuals make renovations on their homes, repair their cars, service appliances for friends, and mend toys for their children. These skills far exceed those required on their respective jobs. In short, it is ridiculous not to utilize the wealth of untapped abilities and vocational interests that one already possesses. I have contended for years that the best way to explore these "beyond-the-job"

skills is to provide opportunities to use them in a self-employment enterprise, where one's earning potential is vastly increased.

The sky is the limit for the earning potential of an entrepreneurial enterprise. A person working a job for an hourly wage may quickly increase their earnings through self-employment. No matter how good a salary is, it usually isn't opened, where potential earnings as a self-employed person are virtually limitless.

In short, financial potential is much greater in a personally run, smaller business than in a salaried job.

Naturally, success in self-employment requires tremendous effort and we all know that there are risks involved.

As an entrepreneur, I appreciate how difficult it is to transition from the workplace to being self-employed. If individuals are accustomed to working for someone else, they've learned to take instruction and follow other people's rules and regulations. They are seldom recognized for taking initiative.

In becoming self-employed, one must assimilate new concepts and ways of doing things. They must learn a great deal about people, and how to successfully penetrate the marketplace. Very often, these kinds of skills and insights differ greatly from what it takes to fulfill the requirements of a "J.O.B." position.

Being successful in business requires a realistic understanding of your own strengths and weaknesses. You must be willing and able to take honest look at yourself. This self-assessment should include (but not be limited to) what you have learned or done on prior jobs. As I have

indicated, many persons possess a wide range of skills developed outside of the workplace. Persons who may perform simple job tasks (such as drilling three holes in plexiglass) can be found at home on weekends rebuilding an automobile engine, refinishing furniture, making lamps, making clothes, and cooking gourmet meals.

I tinkered in the kitchen and developed the ingredients of a real, moneymaking business for producing and procuring over a million dollars in contracts selling "Farr-Out Foods Strawberry-Vanilla Syrup" as a pre-baked.

I hope that I can encourage those who are unhappy with their jobs or have lost jobs and lost hope. They should begin to look carefully at their own inner resources and strengths. There are so many hidden vocational skills and interests that people never seem to pursue.

It is time to rediscover latent skills and reactive old interests. Believe it or not, you have all you need to put yourself to work. If you are seriously seeking employment in this current economy, why not consider hiring yourself?

Once the decision is made, it's only a matter of working out the details.

I hope my forthcoming articles provide the guidance and inspiration necessary to help make this change possible.

Farrah Gray is the author of the international best seller, "Reallionaire: Nine Steps to Becoming Rich from the Inside Out." He is chairman of the Farrah Gray Foundation. Gray can be reached via his web site at www.farahgrayfoundation.org

Race And Poverty No Longer Dirty Words In Democrats Mouths

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson

In the span of twenty-four hours, top Democratic presidential contenders Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John Edwards uttered two dirty words that have terrified Democratic presidential contenders for more than a decade. The words are race and poverty. The occasion was the fifteenth anniversary of the L.A. riots in late April. The three contenders thundered in speeches at different spots in Southern California that America had failed the poor and especially the black poor.

It's no puzzle why top Democrats have been closed mouth for so long on race and poverty issues. They haven't had to really say or do much about it to keep the black vote. Blacks are the most loyal of Democrat shock troops. In every election stretching back to Lyndon Johnson's landslide victory in 1964, they have given the Democrats more than eighty percent of their vote. Many blacks loudly grouse that the Democrats practice blatant plantationism with them, namely that they take their votes for granted. A handful of blacks even have made some noise about defecting to the Republicans. But the Democrats are secure in the knowledge that it's just that, talk.

There's another reason the Democrat's have had a blind spot on race and poverty. In two failed presidential jousts with Bush, Democratic presidential candidates Al Gore and John Kerry figured that the only way they could win was to out Bush. That meant talking and acting tough on national security, the war on terrorism, and greater defense spending and preparedness, adopting bland positions on health care, and social security that appeal to the

white middle-class, and saying as little as possible about affirmative action, racial profiling, the death penalty, and drug law reform. The Democrats trembled that such talk would only stir up white anger by reinforcing the old perception that Democrats tilt toward minorities. Clinton perfected that strategy in his election campaigns in 1992 and 1996. But Clinton also hinted that a big part of his winning strategy was to shake the Democrats loose from the grip of Jesse Jackson and the civil rights leaders.

Gore and Kerry followed Clinton's political blueprint to the letter. They spent most of their campaigns avoiding appearances in black communities. They were mute on issues such as urban investment, fixing lousy inner-city public schools, racial profiling, affirmative action, the racial disparities in prison sentencing, and the racially marred drug sentencing laws.

Gore and Kerry got away with this blatant racial patronizing by playing hard on the terror and panic that a Bush White House win in 2000 and his reelection in 2004 stirred in many blacks. The Democrats dangled the nightmarish vision of a Supreme Court packed with such avowed enemies of civil rights and civil liberties as Supreme Court justices Anton Scalia, William Rehnquist and Clarence Thomas. But when blacks scurried to vote for Gore and Kerry out of fear of a Bush win they gave the Democrats another free ride.

Obama, Clinton, and Edwards have changed up for a couple of reasons. Bush isn't running again. So terrorism won't be the big trump card issue for the Republicans in 2008. Black and Latino political

activists have pounded on the Democrats that immigration, inner city poverty, job creation, criminal justice reform, and the plague of dismally under-performing public schools are crisis issues that they can't continue to turn a blind eye to.

The Democrats can't depend on the public's massive dissatisfaction with Bush's failed and flawed Iraq war policies to coast into the White House. The Republicans have tons of campaign cash, many fervent media cheerleaders, and a rock solid conservative vote constituency in the much of the South, and the West. If Hillary is the Democrat's nominee, Jerry Fallwell has publicly vowed to turn the election into a holy crusade against her; and by extension the Democrats. This time around a Democratic presidential contender can't make like Clinton and turn up at black churches, preaching, and belting out "We Shall Overcome," to a gospel beat and with a singing swaying congregation and think that'll be enough to fire up black voters. That alone won't hurdle the apathy, and resentment many blacks still feel toward the Democrats.

While the majority of black and Latino voters will loyally punch the ticket for whichever Democrat eventually gets the nod, if they stay home in droves on Election Day, the Democrats will be in mortal danger of again dumping the election.

The Democrat's race and poverty talk may be little more than crunching the vote numbers and realizing that they really need a big turnout from blacks and Latinos to seal the White House deal. Still, it's refreshing to hear.

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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most viable of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carrying a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you date 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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Are We Done With Those Taxes Yet?

By: Aldreama Harper
Hopefully you have survived the tax season and are ready to



Aldreama Harper

move on with the business of making money. If you haven't already, now is the time to get those business and office files in order, so that you can maintain good records for the remainder of the year.

Here are some steps for maintaining a good business filing system:

1) Use your tax form to create your filing categories. If you used a Schedule C form to file your business taxes and calculate

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Here's To Your Success: Seven Winning Principles To Grow Your Company

By: James G. Johnson

Turning a small startup into a multimillion-dollar enterprise is an entrepreneur's dream come true. But what are the secrets to growing a successful company? Business growth expert and speaker Steven S. Little provides some answers -- which he says most experts will agree with -- on how to achieve "profitable growth."

"Most entrepreneurs have a growth plan in their head," explains Little. "But to sustain an effective growth strategy, that plan needs to be written down, well communicated, and regularly updated." In his book, *The 7 Irrefutable Rules of*

Small Business Growth, Little outlines his effective principles for sustained small business growth and success.

Follow These Rules For Success

- Establish and maintain a strong sense of purpose. Start by answering these questions: Why are you doing what you are doing? What is your company trying to accomplish?

- Thoroughly understand the marketplace. To grow a business, you need to recognize what customers are looking for and respond to it. Gain a better understanding of your market by reading industry magazines and trade journals.

- Build an effective growth planning system. Tap into



employees, managers, and outside observers to help develop a good growth plan.

- Develop customer-driven processes. Define everything that

you do from a customer's perspective, and then look for ways to improve that every single day.

- Put the power of technology to work. Educate yourself and become an expert on how technology will impact your business and industry.

- Attract and keep the best and the brightest. A small business owner needs to continually find, train, and retain superior people to achieve sustainable growth.

- See the future more clearly. Find ways to record and measure signs of change within your organization. Gather information about emerging issues and consider the importance of these trends to your business.

Countrywide Adding 2,000 Sales Jobs

Countrywide Financial Corp. is planning on adding 2,000 sales jobs this year as its competitors are making staff cuts, according to a Reuters report Monday.

The job additions, which will result in the opening of 100 new Countrywide branch offices, were announced by CEO

Angelo Mozilo at a UBS investor's conference.

The announcement comes as the company has reduced its number of subprime loans, which has sunk companies, such as Irvine's New Century Financial Corp.

Countrywide spokesman Rick

Simon said there would likely be some branches in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but did not have specifics.

Calabasas, Calif.-based Countrywide (NYSE: CFC), in 2004, agreed to bring 7,500 jobs to Texas by 2010, as part of a \$20 million grant from the Texas

Enterprise Fund.

Countrywide, which has its regional headquarters in Plano, has about 10,500 employees in Dallas-Fort Worth and 12,000 in the state. More than 4,500 of those jobs were created as part of the Texas Enterprise Fund agreement, Simon said.

Child Care Provider Training Being Offered At The Denton Public Library

On Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon the North Branch Library, 3020 North Locust Street, will be holding a Child Care Provider training. Participants must register by May 31.

The training topics include Fun in the sun, protecting children against harmful sun rays; Problem Behaviors - Biting,

Anger, and Tantrums; and the Joy of Stress. Participants can earn three continuing education units or clock hours by taking this training. This training is being provided by the Texas Cooperative Extension Office educators and will include make-and-take materials for use in the classroom. This training is co-sponsored by the DAAEYC.

To register for this training, please call (940) 349-8752.

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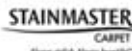
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Eve Opens Up About Singing On New LP, Her DUI Arrest, Hip-Hop Lyrics

Eve's still the illest pitbull in a skirt, but nowadays, there might be a little bit more lace on her skirt than before.

For instance, on her forthcoming album, *Here I Am* — her first project in five years, due August 7 — the Philly native ditches the fierce raps (almost) and goes into R&B mode on the Pharrell-produced "All Night Long."

"I'm singing the whole song," Eve said excitedly while in Los Angeles last week to preview music from her album. "I just didn't want to sing! Because I've sung hooks before, but to sing a whole song, that's something I actually have to do on stage. I think [about it] in that way. Like, what if I mess up? What if there's a frog in my throat? I made it a point, though, to sing like I might just regularly sing, where anybody can sing it. At a tone where I'm not trying to be Alicia Keys. I'm not trying to blow at all, because I'm not that kind of singer. But it's nerve-racking. I'm used to going in the booth

and doing what I have to do and then I'm out. With singing, it becomes a chore. But it's one of my favorite songs on the album now.

"I actually got to sneak back in and put, like, eight bars of rap in

also serves as executive producer of the project and contributes to Eve's lead single, "Tambourine." The pair recently shot a video for the Melina-directed clip in Los Angeles.

"I feel like there are so many other [more important] things going on in the world," Eve said. "I get it. I barely say bitch. I do say it. I usually don't say ho. The N-word, more than anything, holds a negative connotation. It's a word I grew up with and that's a word that's never threatened me and I've never used it in a threatening manner. But I also get it.

And I feel like if that's a word that's going to be removed, it has to be a movement and we all need to do it at the same time.

Responding to her recent arrest in Beverly Hills on DUI charges, Eve said: "Things happen and this is the nature of the business I'm in," she said. "I just feel blessed and happy that all the good things completely outweigh anything negative in my life."



[the song]," Eve admitted, laughing.

Another thing Eve was cautious not to overload on was the number of collaborators on *Here I Am*. Mary J. Blige, Robin Thicke, T.I., Sean Paul, Timbaland and Swizz Beatz all make appearances, giving the album multiple flavors throughout — from the ragga-inspired number with Sean Paul to the gruff collabo with Tip. Swizz

Stephanie Ward Gallery Hosts Jazz, Booksigning



Joe Lee McCoy

Stephanie Ward Gallery, 920 18th St. Plano, will present Houston musician Joe Lee McCoy on Friday, May 18, from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Artist Jeffrey Faynan will exhibit his new jazz images.

The gallery will also host a book signing and a display of work by John Biggers on Saturday May 19, from 3-6 p.m. Olive Jensen Theisen will be signing her book "A Life On Paper."

John Thomas Biggers (1924-2001) was a major African American artist who inspired countless others through his teaching, murals and paintings and drawing. Theisen interviewed Dr. Biggers during the last thirteen years of his life and was welcomed into his studio innumerable times. This event is open to the public.

For more info call 469-229-0024 or visit www.stephaniewardgallery.com.

Recovered Views: African American Portraits Photo Exhibit Opens At Mesquite Arts Center

Recovered Views: African American Portraits, 1912-1925, opening May 15, 2007 at the Mesquite Arts Center, presents 40 photographs from a truly extraordinary collection. The majority of the exhibit is currently attributable to John Johnson (1879-1953; Lincoln, Nebraska) although some images appear to be from an as yet unidentified photographer. Mr. Johnson was the son of a black Civil War veteran and a lifelong resident of Lincoln. Community elders remember his travels through Lincoln by horse and buggy with camera and tripod, taking photographs.

The black-and-white portraits were made by an African American photographer who lived and worked in Lincoln, Nebraska, in the early part of the 20th century. These portraits are more than just stunning images; they document life in a vibrant black community in a small Midwestern city, a society rarely depicted in any medium.

The story of how these photographs came to light is almost as fascinating as the images themselves. In the spring of 1999, local researchers learned of a group of glass-plate negatives held by a prominent black family in Lincoln. It was immediately obvious from both the unique subject matter of the negatives and their exceptional artistic quality that this constituted an important find. Local and national publicity about the find led to another huge cache

of negatives by the same artist. Over 300 negatives have surfaced so far.

The photographer who created these images was unquestionably skilled: a thorough understanding of pictorial composition is evident throughout the exhibition. The photographs



Photographer unknown, Untitled, c. 1913, digital print, 16 x 20 inches; Courtesy Nebraska Historical Society

give evidence of a striking ability to make his subjects feel at ease in front of the camera. This was a period of great racial tension in Lincoln; nevertheless, a sense of calm and dignity permeates the subjects.

The 40 prints are digitally printed, high-resolution scans from original prints and glass negatives. Recovered Views offers an opportunity to see selections from one of the most important American artistic and historical discoveries of recent years.

The exhibit is Open Monday through Friday 8am - 5pm and during weekend performances. Admission is free. For more

information place call 972-216-6444.

Recovered Views: African American Portraits, 1912-1925, made possible by generous grants from the Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. and from the Cooper Foundation, is curated by John

Common Is Anything But In Hollywood: Rapper Books Two New Films Opposite High-Caliber Oscar Talent.

Casting directors must've really liked what they saw of Common in his recent film "Smokin' Aces," because the Chicago rapper has scored two new movie roles that feature such Academy Award-winning actors as Forest Whitaker, Morgan Freeman and Angelina Jolie.

Common will play a supervillain who secretly controls the planet with Jolie and Freeman in Universal's "Wanted," and he'll portray a heroin dealer from Belize posing as an undercover police officer in Fox Searchlight's upcoming cop drama, "Night Watchman."

"Wanted" follows a white-collar worker (James McAvoy) who discovers he is the son of the most evil villain on Earth. When

his father is assassinated, he inherits the dead man's powers and begins life among the other supervillains (Freeman, Jolie and Common) who secretly run the entire world.

Common will play the Guns Smith, an assassin with an unparalleled knowledge of firearms who is enlisted to help train and transform McAvoy's character into the world's most feared and powerful hit man.

"Night Watchman," based on an original idea by James Ellroy, centers on a disgraced LAPD cop (Keanu Reeves) who discovers corruption inside the police department and sets out on a mission to redeem himself. Whitaker will

play the captain of Reeves' elite police unit, called Ad/Vice.

Born Lonnie Rashid Lynn, Jr., Common made his big-screen debut in the ensemble



action flick "Smokin' Aces." He next appears in the Denzel Washington-Russell Crowe saga "American Gangster." His new album, "Finding Forever," is due for release in July.

2007 South Dallas Malcolm X Festival To Be Held Saturday

Organizers of The 2007 South Dallas Malcolm X Festival said the thirty year old event will be bigger and better, with the more educational and cultural entertainment that will appeal to a younger audience.

"It's all about drawing more people in to celebrate and learn about Malcolm X," said Kamillah Abeni-Taylor, Community Of One organizer. "Through Hip-Hop, we can expose a whole new audience to Malcolm X because his message and ideologies are still relevant today."

The show will include performances by local Hip-Hop, R&B and Spoken Word artists. One of the highlights will be a Malcolm X Festival Community Service Award given that will be given to longtime community

activist Diane Ragsdale.

Last year the festival saw an



increase in numbers when a new organization, called Community of One was given the responsibility of organizing the festival from its founders Karioki NaUhuru

Ananda Lewis Lands Hosting Job With TV Guide Network

Ananda Lewis, first known to television viewers as the host of BET's "Teen Summit" during the early 90s, has been tapped by

They will be joined each week by a celebrity guest judge.

Lewis, a San Diego native, will next appear in Donald Welch's stage play "The Divorce" from May 17 through June 10 at the

Cast Theater in Los Angeles.

The Howard University grad has been the host of her own talk show, "The Ananda Lewis Show," and served as an on-air personality on MTV.

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Senate Confirms Texas Southern Regents

The state Senate on Friday unanimously confirmed the nominations Gov. Rick Perry made this week for the Texas Southern University board of regents.

The Senate was trying to quickly confirm the regents in time for the university's weekend graduation, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said.

Perry made the nominations Thursday after the entire nine-member board resigned last week at his request amid allegations of financial mismanagement at the historically black school. Texas Southern now has enough regents to avoid running afoul of accreditation rules while the Legislature works on a leadership restructuring plan for the university.

Texas NAACP President Gary Bledsoe of Austin and

former state Rep. Glenn Lewis of Fort Worth, who chaired a governor-appointed advisory committee on TSU earlier this



Democratic Sen. Rodney Ellis, among the new regents, is one of the nominees confirmed by the Senate.

president of a management consulting firm; Enrique Javier Loya of Houston, chairman and CEO of CHOICE Energy; and Richard Salwen of Austin, a former vice president and general counsel at Dell.

"I'll take this obligation like any other thing in business and expect a return to those investors," Loya said.

Democratic Sen. Rodney Ellis, a graduate of Texas Southern, warned that the Senate needs to take nominations to public office a little more seriously than it has in the past.

"The problems that exist there, to the extent that they were not detected by the board, it was a board that this governor nominated, we confirmed, that this governor put in place," Ellis said. "I'm going to give consent (to the regent nominations) for June 4, 2007, at 7 p.m. at Plano City Hall (1520 Avenue K).

Mr. Holley said petitions in favor of the proposed zoning change have gone out to Los Rios residents and they are hoping to get about 500 signatures. He said the petitions need to be back by the end of May, in time for the public hearing. Anyone is welcome to attend the public hearing and show their support, Mr. Holley added.

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"This is an established neighborhood, and we want to eliminate the danger of the zoning space being used for purposes that will adversely affect it," said Mr. Holley. "We'd like to see Los Rios Country Club zoned in line Chase Oaks and Glenegales Country Clubs. They are zoned as single family residence with a special use permit for golf or country club."

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revised it in January to include exemptions for minors, seniors and some mixed-status families. On Saturday, residents voted to approve the ban with 68 percent of voters in favor, according to unofficial results.

The balloting marked the first public vote on a local government measure to crack down on illegal immigration.

"It says especially to Congress that we're tired of the out-of-control illegal immigration problem. That if Congress doesn't do some-

thing about it, cities will," said Tim O'Hare, a City Council member who was the ordinance's lead proponent.

O'Hare declined to comment Tuesday.

Since 1970, Farmers Branch has changed from a small, predominantly white bedroom community with a declining population to a city of almost 28,000 people, about 37 percent of them Hispanic, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Farmers Branch already faces four lawsuits brought by civil rights groups, residents, prop-

erty owners and businesses, who say the ordinance discriminates and puts landlords in the precarious position of acting as federal immigration officers. Their attorneys argue the ordinance attempts to regulate immigration, a duty that is exclusively the federal government's.

Nationwide, more than 90 local governments have proposed, passed or rejected laws prohibiting landlords from leasing to illegal immigrants, penalizing businesses that employ them or training police to enforce immigration laws.

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inmates to be separated by age and offense and sent to the adult Texas Department of Criminal Justice system when they turn 19

Texas Budget

This year's Legislature had the luxury of a \$14 billion surplus. That's far from the \$10 billion shortfall lawmakers faced in 2003. Much of it was already promised to property tax relief and state service increases because of population growth, but it was extra money. The result: easier budget debates, mostly about where to spend money instead of where to cut it. The Texas budget covers a two-year period and will total about \$150 billion, counting state and federal funds. Both the House and Senate have approved a budget bill, now in a conference committee where legislators from the two chambers are working on a compromise.

Cervical Cancer

One piece of legislation that sailed through was a bill blocking Gov. Rick Perry's cervical cancer vaccine order. Lawmakers sent Perry the rebuff with plenty of time left for an override vote if he decided to veto it.

Perry announced Tuesday he'd let it become law without his signature. In February, Perry issued an executive order requiring the human papilloma virus vaccine for certain-age schoolgirls starting in September of 2008. The virus can cause cervical cancer. Lawmakers objected to the order. Some critics said Perry's order interfered with parental decisions or would encourage premarital sex.

Voter Id

After lengthy, partisan debate, the Republican-backed proposal to require photo identification or two other forms of identification at the voting booth won House approval. The Senate's eleven

Democrats are blocking it from coming up from debate. Supporters of the proposal say it's meant to prevent non-citizens and other ineligible residents from voting. Critics claim it's intended to suppress votes and say it would most hurt minorities and the elderly, who aren't as likely to have the required ID.

Texas Primary

There's little opposition to a bill that would move the Texas primary up from March to Feb. 5 in 2008, so it's expected to make it over its final hurdles before the session adjourns. Democrats and Republicans

alike support the bill. The measure is awaiting a Senate vote. If all goes as expected, Texas would have a much bigger say in the presidential primary and wouldn't be relegated to an after-thought.

Journalist Shield Law

A proposal to give journalists limited immunity from testifying or providing evidence in court cases has passed the Senate. On the House side, it hasn't made it out of a committee. House Speaker Tom Craddick has said he supports some form of a shield law. The question, he has said, is how far to go.

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mainly because I care about the 11,000 students that are there." Ellis added that Texas Southern, whose alumni include the late Congress members Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland, "takes people who are diamonds in the rough and makes them real diamonds."

But its financial troubles have overshadowed that history lately. Former school President Priscilla Slade is to stand trial in August on charges of using almost \$300,000 in school funds to decorate her home. Former chief financial officer, Quintin Wiggins, was sentenced

to 10 years in prison this week for his role in the case. Financial woes and shoddy record keeping at the school were reported in a state audit, and the state's higher education commissioner said the school didn't follow rules dealing with construction projects.

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Sister Tarpley

For the third year, North Dallas Gazette (formerly MON-The Gazette) will give parents, guardians, family, and friends an opportunity to honor their special 2007 Graduate for reaching an important milestone in their lives.

This year, instead of listing the "tributes" in the newspaper, North Dallas Gazette is going to have a special pull-out section with all graduate's ads listed, as well as on the Internet, 24/7.

Education was so important to both sides of my family that Deacon David N. Demus, my paternal grandfather, along with two other Deacons of the church, purchased land and provided salaries for teachers in Mexia, TX, **Freestone County** for the Union Primitive Baptist Church where they opened the first Black School. Mr. James Baker, my maternal grandfather and his father, Mr. Wiley Baker, gave land and paid teacher's salaries for the first Black School in Mexia, TX, **Limestone County**.

This time of the year is special to me; I love the "Pomp & Circumstance" of graduation. It seems to encourage other students even more to graduate and seek a higher degree.

I believe you should encourage students for every mile-stone they reach. A good step seems to be to support students in every grade to graduate to the next level. This can only be successful achieved through a total partnership of the teacher, principal, and parent or guardian.

An education was so important

Commemorating Our 2007 Graduates

to Emmett Smith's grandmother; he kept his promise to her and completed his college degree after her death; even though he was making good money as a Dallas Cowboy football player.

Mr. David Edward Lott is a 2007 Kindergartner student graduating to first grade @ the American



Picture of The Week
Mr. David Edward Lott is the son of Mr. Bill & Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott. He is a Kindergartner graduate of American Heritage Academy in Carrollton, TX

Heritage Academy in Carrollton, TX. Besides being praised as a perfect gentleman by teachers, family and friends, in school and out, David received four **Elite Gold Medals** and four **First Place Awards** for a Christian Hip Hop Dance Competition. He received a "Cut-Above" Student Award for the 3rd 9-weeks in school. A "Cut-Above" student exhibits a Christian attitude, makes good grades, and is a well-mannered student that sets a positive spiritual example for others to follow.

I trust God that this is the first of

many graduations for David, his brother Philip, and his cousin Deven, who will follow in his footsteps; as David did in the footsteps of his sister, Tyanna Donnisie Lott. I believe that David will continue the tradition and legacy that was left for him through some of his ancestors who were born in slavery but learned to read and write (which was against the law for African Americans at the time); and they saw to it that their children could read and write. David is keeping the legacy alive. All of his ancestors believed that getting an education is a great accomplishment that one can make in life. He can be sure that they are proudly looking over his shoulders and cheering him on.

To all 2007 graduates: Our hat's off to you; we leave you with these inspirational sayings. "An education is one of the best ways to change your status in life." -Dr. Bill Cosby. "Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it." -George Halas. "A winner never stops trying." -Tom Landry. "Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best." -H. Jackson Brown.

Congratulate your graduate; on page 5 in this newspaper you will see an ad with more information. **The deadline for all materials for our Graduates Special Edition is May 31, 2007.** The ads will appear in our June 16th Edition.

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FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN
June 24, 3:30 pm
Join us as we celebrate and praise God for "God's Love Community Fellowship Church of Anna," the first African American church organized in Anna, TX; that was founded by Elder T. Hackworth, M. Div., Senior Pastor. The congregation is a diverse group of

African American Museum Page 1
graced Billboard's Top 20 R&B Charts: "Let's Go) All The Way" and "Olivia) Lost and Turned Out".

The Museum Gala has become a fabulous benchmark of glamour and pizzazz in its delivery of absolutely the hottest annual event in Dallas. Past entertainment for the event includes The Four Tops, Bill Cosby, Ashford and Simpson, Earth, Wind & Fire and The O'Jays, Isaac Hayes and Cameo. Having a well-deserved reputation for bringing people together, the Museum is not only a place of art, history and education, but also a celebra-

Christians that is predominately African American with 15 Caucasians members.

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For more information and how you can become actively involved, call 214-592-6444.

SIMS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
May 19, 2007
Our "Anointed Ones Dance Ministry" is having a "Praise In The Park" event. Theme: Declaring Victory Through Our Praise, Psalm 149 @ Embree Park, behind Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, Garland, TX. You are invited and we look forward to worshipping with you!

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The African American Museum is located in historic Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. It is the only museum in the southwestern region of the United States devoted to the preservation and display of African American artistic, cultural and historical materials. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with Cocktails & Silent Auction. Dinner will begin at 7:30pm; a Live Auction begins at 8:30pm; and the The Whiskers perform at 9:30 p.m. Ticket information and corporate or individual table sponsorships call Jane Jones at the Museum at 214-565-9026, ext. 301.

Plano Lunches Page 1 employees donated close to 200 volunteer hours, and over 13,000 lunches were served. With an extra week this year, Knight adds "...we might top 14,000 meals."

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PEOPLE OF FAITH WITH A MIND TO WORK

Do The Write Thing: Answering God's Call" 7th Annual Conference Focuses On Writing

If one waits for the right time to come before writing, the right time never comes - James Russell Lowell

The 7th Annual National Get Over Your Love Hangover Conference will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. This year's conference theme is "Do the Write Thing: Answering God's Call", and will be held at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church, 14120 Noel Rd in Dallas, Texas.

Whether writing is a passion or a profession, attendees will learn how to do the "right" thing while they do the "write" thing. This dynamic one day

conference will also explore how in order to do the write thing, you have to do the right thing and answer the right call...God's Call. Conference speakers include published authors Dr. Vivi Monroe- Congress and Ron Session.

Workshop topics include:

- Do the Write Thing - Recognizing the Call (God...Is that You?)
- Discover how writing well is connected to recognizing the voice of God.
- Do the Write Thing - Answering God's Call (Will Your Answer be Yes, No...or Maybe?)
- Explore how the first step in

the process is starting out with the right answer to God's call.

- Do the Right Thing - Ending the Call the Right Way (You've Said Yes to God...Now What?)
- Realize how writing can be a joyous experience and not an isolated burden on your relationships.
- Do the Right Thing - Stop Treating God Like Your Cell Phone!

The National Get Over Your Love Hangover Conference was founded by author Shewanda Riley. Her debut book, "Love Hangover - Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends," a book on relationships

for singles, was released by Suncrest Books in February 2003. It was named a best seller by Essence Magazine in June 2003 and was featured in Jet Magazine in September 2003.

Shewanda is also a contributor to The Women of Color Study Bible@ (Tyndale House/Nia Publishing). Riley has also been featured as an expert on relationships on ABC Radio Networks, USA Radio Networks, and The Potter's Touch Television show hosted by Bishop T. D. Jakes. This nationally syndicated author also is a writer for Dallas Gospel Connection, Beautiful One

Magazine and the Florida-based Christian Reader. She has conducted workshops at the Dallas Black Expo, Texas Black Women's Conference, Destiny Ministries National Women's Conference, and Gathering of the Eagles Ministry Conference. Riley also leads the True Image Singles Ministry Team at her church home, Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church in Dallas, Texas.

The cost to attend the conference is \$25 and includes meals. Additional information can be found at the conference website www.thewritethingworkshop.com.



Author and Conference Founder, Shewanda Riley

King Daughter Dies Poet

Her death came less than a year and a half after her mother, Coretta Scott King, died in January 2006 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke. Her struggle prompted her daughter to work with the American Heart Association to raise awareness about strokes, especially among blacks.

Yolanda King, who lived in California, was an actress, ran a production company and appeared in numerous films, including "Ghosts of Mississippi." She played Rosa Parks in the 1978 miniseries "King."

"Yolanda was lovely. She wore the mantle of princess, and she wore it with dignity and charm," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, one of her father's close aides in the civil rights movement. He added she was "thoroughly committed to the movement and found her own means of

expressing that commitment through drama."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who also worked with her father, said: "She lived with a lot of the trauma of our struggle. The movement was in her DNA." The Rev. Al Sharpton called her a "torch bearer for her parents and a committed activist in her own right."

White House press secretary Tony Snow said President Bush and the first lady were sad to learn of King's death, adding, "Our thoughts are with the King family today."

Yolanda King founded and led Higher Ground Productions, billed as a "gateway for inner peace, unity and global transformation." On her company's Web site, she described her mission as encouraging personal growth and positive social change.

The flag at The King Center, where she was a board member, flew at half-staff on Wednesday.

Yolanda Denise King — nicknamed Yoki by the family — was

born Nov. 17, 1955, in Montgomery, Ala., where her father was then preaching. Her brother Martin III was born in 1957; brother Dexter in 1961; and sister Bernice in 1963.

She was just two weeks old when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus there, leading to the Montgomery bus boycott spearheaded by her father.

When she was 10 weeks old, the King family home was bombed in Jan. 30, 1956, as her father attended a boycott rally. Neither she nor her mother was injured when the device exploded on the front porch.

In 1963, when she was 7, her father mentioned her and her siblings at the March on Washington, saying: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

She was 12 when her father was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968.

King was a 1976 graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she majored in theater and Afro-American studies. She also earned a master's degree in theater from New York University.

Yolanda King was the most visible of the four children during this year's Martin Luther King Day in January, the first since her mother's death.

When asked by The Associated Press at that event how she was dealing with the loss of her mother, she responded: "I connected with her spirit so strongly. I am in direct contact with her spirit, and that has made me so much peace and so much strength."

At her father's Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, she performed a series of solo skits that told stories including a girl's first ride on a desegregated

bus and a college student's recollection of the 1963 campaign to desegregate Birmingham, Ala.

She also urged the audience to be a force for peace and love, and to use the King holiday each year to ask tough questions about their own beliefs about prejudice.

"We must keep reaching across the table and, in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, feed each other," she said.

Funeral arrangements would be announced later, the family said in a brief statement.

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