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People In The News



Sixth grader, Jinsyn Barnes-Lee, of Collin County is marketing a line of greeting cards that pay homage to Earl A. Barnes, her grandfather. The cards feature art by her uncle Patrick-Earl in New York. Barnes-Lee, whose grandfather died on the day she was due to be born, takes artwork from her uncle and cuts it into small pieces to form a collage of a shirt and tie.

Her uncle's fondest memory of her grandfather was the time he taught him how to tie a tie, sitting on the bed or chair using his left thigh as the anchor. The end result would be a perfect knot, as he would proceed by sliding the tie off of his leg and placing it around his neck to complete his ensemble.

Family Ties is a shirt and tie series of art not only helped to fill a void, but also immortalizes her grandfather's memory and spirit.

The shirt and tie artwork started out more or less as an attempt to communicate a father and son relationship experience, but has transcended into a symbol of the importance of family ties, staying together and staying connected.

For more information visit www.patrick-earl.com and www.zhibit.org/patrick-earl

Lyah Beth LeFlore will present her new book, *Last Night A DJ Saved My Life* at The W Hotel on July 15.

Dallas' Women That Soar, an organization of corporate and business professional women and new book club, For Your Reading Pleasure, will host A Book and A Spa for the Doubleday Harlem Moon author. LeFlore will read excerpts from her book while guests are massaged with warm essential oils and educated by a wellness planner and coach.

In 1991, LeFlore began her career at Nickelodeon as an assistant to the vice president of programming. In 1993, she went to Uptown Entertainment as the director of development and helped develop the critically acclaimed "New York Undercover." Just two years later, she was profiled in Essence magazine as "25 To Watch Under 25."

Currently, she works with television and executive producer Alan Haymon.

She is also a part of development of a new Disney animated series, *Arooma Zoom Zoom*.

"A major part of my job is to find new writing talent and creatively collaborate with them to develop, and ultimately produce, new shows for primetime TV," LeFlore said.



Civil Rights Attorney Willie E. Gary received the National Education Association (NEA) Martin Luther King Jr. Award on Saturday, July 1 in Orlando. This award program honors individuals who have expanded educational opportunities for minority students and educators and improved intergroup relations in the public schools.

Throughout his career, Gary has won more than 150 cases valued at more than \$1 million each.

In May 2002, he made Ebony magazine's list of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans." He has also been named one of the "Top 50 attorneys in the U.S."

He has been featured in The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, Ebony, Jet, Fortune and several other national media publications.

Gary earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Shaw University in Raleigh and went on to earn his juris doctorate at North Carolina Central University.

Gary's law practice, Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, McManus, Watson & Sperando, consists of 37 attorneys and a host of other professional staffers.

Gary is married to his childhood sweetheart, Gloria, and they have four sons.

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Supreme Court Redistricting Verdict Offers Scant Relief To Democrats

In a splintered decision, minority voting rights were dealt a setback by the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in the three-year battle over congressional redistricting. In their decision, the high court validated the practice of mid-decade redistricting, avoided taking a firm position on political gerrymandering, but ruled that a redrawn South Texas congressional district diluted Hispanic voting strength. State Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) said the long-awaited ruling was disappointing, but not a surprise.



Senator Royce West and Governor Rick Perry

"Based on being present at the hearing before the Supreme Court, this is not a shock," said Senator West. "As it relates to invalidating the 23rd Congressional District, I was not really optimistic that they would do that; but it has been done. The impact of that is that within that geographical region in South and West Texas, some realignment will be done. But it will not affect the Metroplex."

In a dissenting opinion regarding gerrymandering - drawing boundaries in ways that favor a particular political party - Justice Stephen Breyer wrote that "no other justification other than party advantage can be found." Breyer concluded, stating that the Republican-backed map "entirely violates the Equal Protection Clause."

Wednesday's ruling comes at a time when attempts to re-authorize the 40-year old Voting Rights Act has been derailed by a group of southern Congressmen that includes many Texas Republicans. They argue that the Voting Rights Act is outdated and that the nine southern states singled out for voting rights protection should not be treated differently than the

other 41 states.

Senator West said that with the court's verdict, mid-term redistricting can now take place whenever there is a shift in political power; a practice some have called perpetual redistricting.

"Historically, we have had to fight those visceral battles just once a decade," Senator West said. "We will now see those battles fought throughout the decade and the people's work will not get done. The grabbing of power according to political whim may very well become the higher priority. We got a glimpse of that in 2003 when we should have used that focus to pass new school finance legislation."

The Supreme Court let stand boundaries of the redrawn 24th Congressional District now represented by Republican Kenny

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DCCD And Texas Southern Sign Agreement



Dr. Bobby Wilson (left), interim president of Texas Southern University, and Dr. Wright Lassiter, DCCCD chancellor, sign agreements that will provide Dallas-area students with the opportunity to attend a DCCCD college and then transfer to TSU, plus concurrent enrollment at both institutions.

The Dallas County Community College District and Texas Southern University are partners in education now, helping students who want to start their college careers in Dallas with DCCCD and then transfer to the historically black university. Agreements for transfer and concurrent enrollment were signed this week. The information is provided below, and a photo is attached for your use.

Out Of Africa

By: Erin Evans
Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Sierra Leone are four of several countries boasting a lot of "bling" under its soil.

In the hip-hop era of chrome wheels and platinum grills, black America had been blinded by the shine and gleam of their diamonds in their everyday attire to the crimes committed against humanity to produce some of their "iced out" pieces.

In his sophomore album, *Late Registration*, Kanye West released his hit single "Diamonds from Sierra Leone" using hip-hop to further publicize diamond trafficking in Africa.

Recently, Nicky Oppenheimer, chairman of DeBeers, spoke to the World Diamond Congress in Tel Aviv, and urged them not to be complacent with the improvement of conflict diamonds and that they "cannot be complacent or



allow 'conflict diamond' fatigue to gain hold."

In May 2000, diamond producing states met in Kimberley, South Africa, to come up with a way to stop the trade in conflict diamonds and to ensure consumers that the diamonds that they purchase have not contributed to violent conflict and human rights abuses in their countries of origin.

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Congresswoman Johnson Lauds Signing Of DART's Full Funding Agreement



\$700 Million Will Expand Light Rail Service in North Texas

Monday, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson joined by the Acting Administrator of the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) and the executive leadership of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) took part in a signing ceremony officially establishing a \$700 million full funding grant agreement between the two agencies.

"Today's \$700 million full funding agreement between DART and FTA cements

DART as a national transit leader. DART is an exemplary transit agency. For years, DART has served as a model steward of federal dollars by completing projects on time and under budget. In this regard, I feel that DART stands out as one of the country's premier transit agencies," stated Congresswoman Johnson. "I am grateful to the Federal Transit Agency for working with me and my North Texas colleagues on this monumental request. Today's funding decision brings us one step closer to improving the overall quality of life for the entire North Texas region."

The FTA's Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is a special type of grant agreement

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1st African American Crowned As Miss Texas United Nation 2006

The 2006 Texas United Nation pageant was held in Houston, Texas June 25, 2006 at the University of Houston Hilton where Brittney Dimes, the first African American in the pageant's history, was crowned Miss Texas United Nation 2006. Brittney will represent Texas in the national pageant which is being held in Anaheim, California July 28, 2006.

Brittney, a sophomore at University of Texas in Austin, will be competing for the title of Miss United Nation US 2006 in four categories; community involvement, interviews, tennis wear and evening gown. The United Nation program is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Established in 1996, the United Nation Pageant was created by Sarah Boothe, a 25-year veteran of the pageant industry. Sarah



Brittney Dimes
Miss Texas Page 5

NEA President Tells Educators "No More Excuses"

Weaver Addresses 9,000 Delegates At The NEA Representative Assembly

Everyone has a responsibility to protect the basic right of all children to a quality public education, including fixing and funding the so-called No Child Left Behind Act, the president of the National Education Association told 9,000 educators.

"There are no more excuses," said Reg Weaver, NEA president. "There are no more excuses for schools where the textbooks and technology are as old as the parents of some of the children. There are no more excuses for parents being absent when it comes to not only educating their children, but rearing their children. There are no more excuses for children and students who are not learning. Every American has a shared



NEA President Reg Weaver

responsibility to create quality public schools, and no American should tolerate any excuses for why educators aren't given the tools and resources they need to get the job done."

Weaver urged educators to

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Garland Star Spangled Fourth

Photos By: Ronald Coleman
The City of Garland's Star Spangled Fourth was a three-day festival in three separate locations this year. Activities included a downtown festival on Saturday, July 1; a Picnic in the Park on Sunday, July 2; and the Blake Shelton concert and fireworks show held at Firewheel Town Center on Tuesday, July 4.

"Due to the many changes that are taking place in the downtown area, the festival had to make some changes of its own this year," said Cindy Vochatzer, director of the event. "Fortunately, change has given us the opportunity

to take the celebration to other parts of our City, showing off even more of the great features Garland has to offer."

A spirit of patriotism prevailed on Saturday as the City's Multicultural Commission (CMC) hosted an official naturalization ceremony, swearing in at some 100 new American citizens. The event took place in the Plaza Theatre.

"I can't think of a more appropriate way to celebrate our nation's heritage and principals than by staging an official welcome for those who have worked hard to become American citizens," said Adriana Liberto-Sanchez of the

CMC and coordinator of the swearing in event.

After the naturalization ceremony, the Plaza Theatre opened its doors for the annual Mosaic Festival of Multicultural Art and Dance. The CMC began staging this event as part of Star Spangled Fourth in 2004. The Mosaic featured displays of artwork and other artifacts, as well as musical and dance performances highlighting the many ethnicities and nationalities that are represented in Garland's community. The Mosaic has been recognized by the International Festivals and Events Association as an Outstanding Community Outreach Program.



Rael Eckeneod of M-Keny Designs



Star Spangled Patriot



Popsicle vendor helps beat the July heat



Featured Roadster at the Garland 4th of July car show



Annie Dickson, Yolanda K Pace, Ruby F Morris



Antique Car show at Garland Star Spangled Fourth Celebration

American Airlines Hosts So SMAART Program



(L to R) Mikhyla Dunlap, Autumn Bryant, Madeline Horstly, Mayra Solorzano, Miciah Jackson

American Airlines demonstrates its commitment in challenging and motivating students to reach their full potential and the enrichment of lives by its continued support of the So SMAART Program—Students Set On Science, Math, the Arts, Aviation, Reading and Technology. So SMAART, is the signature Youth Service organization of the Dallas Trinity Chapter of The Links,

Incorporated. So SMAART is a four-year workforce development program designed to engage minority females, ages 9-12, in the important fields of math, science and technology. Each year the participants in the program are rewarded for their achievements at the annual youth Summit. American Airlines provides air transportation for the Aviation Challenge Award Winners.

Garland George Washington Carver Alumni Reunion

The George Washington Carver School Alumni Association of Garland is planning a reunion for all former students that attended the school. The reunion will take place during the weekend of July 21-23. Lots of exciting activities will take place; including a semi-formal summer bash Saturday night at the Garland Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., Garland, TX 75040 and a special church service on Sunday morning at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church, 1019 S. 1st Street, Garland, TX 75040. For ticket and sponsorship information, please contact Josie Walker Murphy @ (214) 770-5724 or by email @ carverallschoolreunion2006@comcast.net or Emma Clark Abner @ (972) 272-7636.

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

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

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

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

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth

Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

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

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.

Family Film at the Library at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road. Every Friday at 11:30 a.m. Bring out the family for fun and relaxation. For more information call 972-208-8000.

Movie Under the Stars: A New Cinema Experience. Remember the fun you had at the "drive-in movie"? Well it's back, but without the drive-in part. So grab a blanket or low-back chair and come watch a classic family movie under the stars at the Amphitheater at Oak Point Park, 2801 East Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. For more information call 972-941-7250.

Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to

3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Contact S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858 for more information.

PHASE, The Potters House Singles Ministry would like to invite all singles to join us for our Soul Food events held every 1st & 3rd Friday in the Youth Sanctuary. For more information, contact the PHASE information line at 214-331-0954 x.1954.

Gallery Exhibition Opening: "Rhythms, Reflections, Relations: The Works of Evita Tezeno" through August 26. Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the James E. Kemp Gallery at TBAAL. For more information call 214-743-2440.

Swing Time Magazine presents Friday Night Swing hosted by 94.5's First Lady of Radio Lynne Haze every first Friday at the Castleview Ballroom at the Sterling Hotel in 1055 Regal Road and HWY 183 in Dallas. Admission \$10. Call 972-225-6487 for more information. Swing elegance attire.

July 6 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Join the conversation with other families like yours. Please call ahead and let us know if you are bringing children or will need Spanish language assistance. 10045 Audelia Road, Dallas Public Library at 11:30 a.m. Call 214-670-1350 for more information.

July 7

Taste of Dallas is the largest FREE outdoor festival in the metroplex! Live music, great food, celebrity chef demos. Friday and Saturday at 11:00 a.m. - midnight. Sunday from noon until 9 p.m. West End, 208 N. Market Street. Call 214-741-7180 for more information.

July 8

July Jazz by Freddie Jones at Esplanade Park in Addison at 8 p.m. 5044 Addison Circle. FREE. T. Styles presents A Hustler's Son at Black Images at 1:00 p.m. Book Signing. 230 Wynnewood Village Dallas 75224.

John Hancock presents Champions on Ice at the American Airlines Center at 3:00 p.m. Performances include Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen, Surya Bonaly and several others. Tickets available through Ticketmaster locations.

July 11

African Story Telling with Melody Bell at Dallas Public Library: Oak Lawn Branch Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Rd, at 3 p.m. FREE. Call 214-670-1359 for more information.

One or more of the City of Plano city council may attend a multicultural roundtable (MCOR) meeting on July 11, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Schimelpfenig library, program room, 5024 Custer Road, in Plano, Texas.

July 12

City of Carrollton offers a class in Effective Essays for College Acceptance at 6:00 p.m. at Crosby. This class will help you write the essay that will make the admissions

committee sit up and take notice. Instructor: Starks. Cost \$25.

July 14

Black Writers Reunion & Conference, held at the Radisson Dallas Hotel & Suites at 2330 West Northwest Highway, offers something to writers of all genres and levels. Workshops include The 1) Craft of Writing, covering novels, screenplays and more, 2) The Business of Writing & Publishing Tricks of the Publishing Trade: How to Self-Publish & Market Your Own Book, Tapping the Hidden Short Story Market, Getting Into Bookstores & Staying In and more. Visit www.blackwriters.org or contact bwrc@blackwriters.org for more information on schedule and events.

July 15

Dallas NAACP Home Buyer Boot Camp. Workshops on affordable housing, credit counseling, credit repair, overcoming bankruptcies and foreclosures, investing, acquiring funds for down payments and closing cost and much more. Dallas NAACP Office, 4200 S. Fitzhugh at 10 a.m. FREE. Call 214-421-6009 for more information.

July 21

Desperate for Jesus Women's Conference 2006 at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church. An explosive weekend of music by national recording artist, Mary Alessi, national speaker and author, Beth Moore, and much more! 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Doors open each day 1 1/2 hour before event. FREE REGISTRATION! For more information contact Carla Robertson at (214) 672-9100 Ext. 1014 or DFJ@ocbfchurch.org

July 22
Shandra Love presents When Katrina Stood Down, We Came Running, But Rita Tripped Us at Black Images at 12:00 p.m. Book signing. 230 Wynnewood Village Dallas 75224.

The K104 Driver's Select Summer Jam at the Smirnoff Music Center, starring Yung Joc, Omarion, Chingy, 8 Ball & MJG, Young Dro, Lyfe Jennings, Fonzworth Bentley with special guest Kanye West, Project Pat, Lloyd Banks, Kelis, Big Tuck, South Boy, Dre, Ice Cube and more added every week! Tickets on sale now at Ticketmaster, or listen to win your way in on K104!

July 29
Kirk Franklin and Smokie Norful live in concert at Six Flags Over Texas at 8:00 p.m.

Ringling Brothers: Barnum & Bailey's Circus is in town. Several shows on Saturday including 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 30 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

July 30
Patti LaBelle in concert at Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8:00 p.m. Featuring Charlie Wilson. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

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Paul Hailey

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge—Hosea 4:6

Sometimes, our own ignorance is the biggest obstacle for black folks when trying to understand what is going on in this country politically. Case in point: I received a forwarded email a few months ago about the congressional extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The email advised me that black people were going to lose their right to vote if the Voting Rights Act extension was not passed before its expiration in 2007; we all needed to contact our congressman so black people could continue to vote.

That is simply not true.

The effective provisions of the Voting Rights Act have to do with the enforcement of voting rights violations, not the right of black folks to vote. Our right to vote is constitutionally mandated in the 15th Amendment.

The Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965 and signed by Lyndon Johnson in direct response to minority voting infringements highlighted by civil rights protestors. Prior to the passage of the act black voters were subject to all types of disenfranchisement tactics, including literacy tests, poll-taxes, white only primaries and outright violence at voting places.

In March of 1965, the Selma-to-Montgomery march along U.S. 80 was designed to persuade Congress to pass a national voting rights law. Now known as "Bloody Sunday", the marchers were brutally beaten by Alabama state troopers. That violence was nationally televised and Congress was moved to pass the Voting Rights Act that summer. President Johnson signed the act into law on

What You Don't Know About The Voting Rights Act

August 6, 1965.

Since 1965, the Voting Rights Act has been extended three times with three new provisions: extending the right to vote to 18-year olds in 1970; protecting voting rights for non-English speakers in 1975; and creating majority minority congressional districts in 1982.

According to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, there were only 300 black elected officials in 1965 when the Act was passed, by 1970, there were 1, 469, and now there are 9,500.

Sadly, most of us, (including black elected officials) are ignorant about the real motives behind current Republican delays in passing the Voting Rights Act extension.

The small group of right wing House Republicans is not blocking the vote on the Voting Rights extension for racial reasons. They are not interested in keeping black people from voting or in reinstating southern voting traditions like the poll-tax or literacy tests. They understand that the country has come too far to resort back to the days of Jim Crow voting. What they are attempting to do is much more complex and more political than the overt voting restrictions of the past.

The stated, public objection by House Republicans is the federal oversight of voting rules for nine states with documented history of voter discrimination, otherwise known as Section 5. Section 5 also requires 16 states with documented histories or racial voter discrimination to pre-clear new voting changes through the Justice Department. Their claim (read smoke-screen), is all states should be covered by Section 5, not just the southern states with histories of voter discrimination.

Yeah, right.

The real reason Republicans are delaying approval of the

Voting Rights Act extension is a not so subtle attempt to retain the "Bubba" vote in the south for the 2006 mid terms and 2008 presidential elections.

You remember the "Bubbas" don't you? They are the southern, conservative, NASCAR-watching white males that got George Bush elected. They are also the most loyal segment of the Republican Party. Bush grabbed more than sixty percent of the white male vote nationally in 2004, in the south he got more than seventy percent of their vote.

That particular demographic doesn't care if the "Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King Voting Right Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006" ever gets passed.

What the Democrats and the Congressional Black Caucus are missing once again is that you win elections through political strategy. Instead of whining and making this another "George Bush and the Republicans don't care about black people" issue, they would be better served by intelligent, political strategizing through exposing the game their opponents are playing with the American public. Democrats have to stop whining and start playing the same game as the Republicans in order to win elections.

The issue isn't the extension of the Voting Rights Act. The issue is how voters view the fight over the extension of the Voting Rights Act. Nobody votes for the whiners.

As for black people, we need to learn how to read between the lines of what we are fed in the media and start to develop some informed knowledge of our own. To do anything less is self destructive.

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How America Made Niggas

By: Anthony Asadullah Samad

I want to examine why African Americans, Blacks, Negroes, Negritudes (whatever we choose to call ourselves) can't seem to escape the word Nigger-and its afterbirth, Nigga. Since last week's column, I've received hundreds of e-mails with varying reactions to this series.

Everything from making excuses as to why we shouldn't be offended by the word-because "the Bible" tells one reader that God's real name (MiNigri) and God's real land Nigritia are the origins of the word that should cause us to embrace it forever, to another reader being apathetic about the word's use-telling me "I need Jesus" for wasting my time (and column space) trying to convince Blacks (and others) not to use the word anymore. Uh,yeah, right. Both agree that the word will never die, and both cite the Biblical justifications why we should leave it alone. All I can say is, "My people, my people."

Part of the reason "nigger" has survived is because we, as a people, have refused to kill it. Black people can find a reason "to do" or "not to do" anything. From not spending with each other, to not voting, to not taking care of ourselves (and our health), to not pulling our children out of failing schools, to not chasing drugs and gangs out of our communities, to reasons for using the word, nigger-if there's an excuse, some people will find it. Black America, in the collective, find reasons not to succeed. It's part of the construction of "the Nigger," to be so incomplete that "it" can't complete anything. I call the Nigger "it," because it's not a person, but a thing-a creation whose humanity, identity, heritage and sense of being was taken and replaced with ignorance, dependence, greed, jeal-

ousy, false hope, despair, apathy and excuses. That's a helluva creation.

The origins of the word that I'm aware are "dead people," "dark," "destitute" and other negative connotations. Name for God? That's a new one on me. The state of Black America is so destitute that America made the word synonymous with black people and put it in their dictionary (Webster's). Not until the NAACP got them to take it out a few years back, was there even an acknowledgement that the word essentially equated a whole race with the word. Not because that's what we are, but because of what aspects of the race had become. Nowhere on the face of the earth is there a race of people that control \$600 billion dollars (\$900 billion by 2010) and can't resolve the problems of its own community. Nowhere on the face of the earth does the level of distrust within the race exceed the level of trust outside of the race. Nowhere on the face of the earth is the level of self-hatred so great that one can't stand to look at the other without wanting to kill the person that looks just like them.

That's what Niggerism has produced. And nowhere on the face of the earth does a whole race of people let anybody and everybody call them out of their name, and get indignant about trying address it. Made in America, with a "flip" switch, a "kill" switch and an automatic "reboot" switch, the Nigger turns on and never turns off. Even if they find God, even if they find love, even if they find money-there is a built-in "default switch" that triggers something in our people trying to come into a new knowledge, new self, a new being and next you know, the nigger is back, still there and can't escape himself-his condi-

tion-or his mindset. And he replicates him(her)self over and over again. Generation after generation. People are calling it different things; Negro relapse syndrome, Post-slavery syndrome, whatever you call-there is a recognition that black people have been psychologically injured and never had therapy to bring them back into their "right minds." The most common association with the term "nigger" is crazy, an acknowledgement that African Americans are not in their right minds-not when someone can call you something you know is meant to demean, and you're alright with that. Now, that's crazy!

Half the race is apathetic about how the world sees them, the other half makes excuses for how the world sees them, and both are okay with that. What's wrong with that picture? Black America is so embarrassed, and at the same time, so defiant, that both Nigger-the word, and Nigger, the creation, survive while all else about Black America dies in the process. Nigger is not going to just go away nor is it going to be elevated to godliness. Nigger will go away with a concerted effort to make it go away. Let's not b.s. ourselves, turn our heads or make more excuses.

Apathy and excuses are not substitutes for pride and dignity. It only prolongs the existence of a word meant for no honorable purpose. Why should we excuse or ignore its continued use?

Anthony Asadullah Samad is a national columnist, managing director of the Urban Issues Forum (www.urbanissuesforum.com). He can be reached at www.AnthonySamad.com

Darfur Rebel Alliance Page 1

In November, the Kimberley process is due for its three-year review by the United Nations.

Every year, Africa produces 65 percent of the world's diamonds worth over \$8.3 billion.

Somalia—Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Jendayi Frazer recently spoke to members of Congress about a new anti-terrorism policy for the country. After the takeover of Mogadishu and several other Somali towns by the Islamic Courts Union (ICU) a new contact group was formed. The African Union (AU), United Nations, European Union (EU), U.S., Sweden, Norway, Italy, Tanzania and others will meet on July 7 in Sweden to discuss peace relations and policies for Somalia. ICU has ties to al-Qaeda and terrorist groups associated with the 1998 bombings of U.S.

embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Chad—Former Chadian president Hissene Habre will stand trial in Senegal to face crimes he committed against humanity during his presidency in the 1980s. He is accused of thousands of tortures and murders. Many critics remain skeptical of a trial in Senegal due to Habre's flee to the country in 1990 and their prior refusal to try him in 1999.

Democratic Republic of Congo—Elections have been set for the country at the end of July. South Africa will assist in the election by sending 120 personnel, 30 of which would represent Parliament and others of civic organizations. A group of 300 will assist with information technology for the smooth-running of the poll election.

Angola—The "Enjoy a Healthy Life" campaign will

continue through July 26 with the intention to vaccinate 93,959 children against measles. Over 100,000 mosquito nets with insecticide will be distributed throughout the nation as well. The majority of the program will occur in rural areas from July 12 - 26. Over 900 vaccinators, awareness activists and drivers will take part in the program. The program hopes to reduce cases of malaria and measles by 25 and 75 percent, respectively.

Rwanda—Six years ago the Rwandan government implemented a free primary education program throughout the nation. Since then, students enrolled in primary school increased to 95 percent. This has given hope that in 2015 the literacy rate will have reached 100 percent, according to State minister for Education, Joseph Murekeraho.

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remember why they entered the profession. "Public education only has room for those who have a passion for teaching and learning. Public education only has room for those who are truly committed. Public education only has room for those who believe that every child can learn and that great public schools are the basic right of every child."

Weaver addressed delegates representing teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty and other education employees gathered in Orlando, Fla., for NEA's 144th Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly. The NEA Representative Assembly is the largest democratic decision-making body in the world. During the annual event, delegates vote on critical issues facing public education.

Weaver said access to fully-funded pre-kindergarten programs would help at-risk children level the academic playing field and realize the joy of learning at an early age.

Weaver told delegates that there is no doubt that public education faces challenges. He pointed to cuts pending in Congress that would reduce spending on the already underfunded No Child Left Behind Act by almost \$500 million, on top of last year's cut of over \$1 billion. He also cited the one-size-fits-all approach to education promoted in the No Child Left Behind that forces educators to teach to the test, and hinders their ability to cater to student needs.

"NEA members have a responsibility to educate the community about education," Weaver said. "We have a responsibility to inform them of the role of school

boards, state legislators, mayors, the U.S. Congress and why it is important that they make it their personal responsibility to hold each of these individuals as accountable as they do."

Weaver stressed that the Association has focused its efforts on five strategic goals: closing the gaps in student achievement between white and minority students; reaching out to ethnic communities; creating a plan for reforming unfunded mandates during the re-authorization of the No Child Left Behind Act; ensuring that teachers have a minimum salary of \$40,000 and providing a living wage for education support professionals, like bus drivers and custodians; expanding membership to offer support to more education employees and working to achieve adequacy and equity in public school funding.

DART Funding Page 1

the agency uses for making a major investment of federal dollars in a new fixed guideway system—rapid rail, light rail, commuter rail, exclusive bus/high occupancy vehicle lanes, or ferry

service—or an extension to an existing fixed guideway system.

The \$700 million in federal funding will be used in conjunction with local dollars to begin work on the agency's planned Northwest/Southeast Light Rail

Extension. The "Green Line" extension will ultimately link Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Farmers Branch, Carrollton, Love Field and Downtown Dallas with Fair Park and Pleasant Grove.

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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 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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TPA Member Receives SBA Award



Dairy receiving his award from Dallas Cowboys legend Drew Pearson and Lavan Alexander, district director of SBA's Dallas/Fort Worth District Office.

Rev. Dairy G. Johnson received the Small Business Administration's (SBA) first runner-up award in its "Small Business Journalist-of-the-Year" category at a luncheon held Thursday 06-22 in Arlington, TX.

The awards are part of SBA's annual Small Business Week and winners are selected from nominations submitted by Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) from the 49-county North Texas region.

Dairy has published the "Examiner," a monthly African-American newspaper for more than 16 years. The Corsicana newspaper was honored in 2002 as the "Best Tabloid Newspaper" by the Texas Publishers Association.

W Hotel Ready For Grand Opening

By: Sandra Zaragoza
The 252-room W Hotel Dallas-Victory, which opened last week in Victory Park near downtown, is having a grand opening celebration tonight.

But during its pre-opening week, the W Hotel and its restaurants have already piqued locals' interest.

"We've had tremendous crowds at the hotel and at the restaurant," said Ross Perot Jr. of Fort Worth-based Hillwood. "It shows how hungry the citizens of Dallas

are for this kind of product."

Hillwood is the lead developer of Victory Park and one of the owners of the W Hotel, which also includes 144 condos.

The W Hotel Dallas boasts Craft Restaurant, the latest eatery by New York chef Tom Colicchio, Ghostbar and Bliss Spa.

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'Paper Chasers' Hip Hop Documentary Debuts On Independent Film Channel (IFC)

Filmmaker and author Maxie D. Collier's Paper Chasers, his much anticipated documentary on Hip-Hop entrepreneurship, premiered on the Independent Film Channel (IFC) on July 3rd. The film was co-produced and financed by the IFC.

"My goal was to provide an authentic, unglamorous documentation of what is required to take a business or artistic endeavor from the idea stage, through delivery to an audience. It has taken me three very challenging years to complete Paper Chasers and three, even more difficult years, to achieve mass distribution," says Collier.

After debuting at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2003, Paper Chasers received substantial press for documenting multi-platinum rap artist and actor Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, months before Ludacris independently released his first album. Ludacris and his crew continued to offer Maxie numerous follow-up interviews over a three year period.

The film also features Fat Joe, Master P, Damon Dash, Russell Simmons, Chuck D, Flavor Flav and more than 50 other Hip-Hop artists, executives, and CEOs from across the country. Additionally, the documentary shares some of the real life personal challenges

Collier faced to bring the film to life.

"The current film only reflects



a small bit of what I experienced over the course of this project. After Tribeca, I spent ten and a half months battling shady distributors, agents and lawyers. Then six more months completing the DVD materials, only to have a wack DVD release. But with the airing of Paper Chasers on the IFC, I can finally say that this project is wrapped up."

Maxie is also the author of the IFILM Digital Video Filmmaker's Handbook, one of the first guides book on digital filmmaking.

"I self-published the first edition of the DV Handbook, back in 1998, then licensed it to IFILM when the company was just a start-up. Working with the founders of IFILM, in silicone valley during the dotcom boom, was one of the things that inspired me to go on a quest and

study entrepreneurship."

The DV Handbook has become an influential best-seller, with over 40,000 copies in print. It has been used as an instructional text at more than two dozen colleges and universities.

"I started working at BET in 1990, when I was 21 years old. I've been navigating, networking and hustling among the Hip-Hop and indie film underground for a long time. Now I'm ready to share some of the many encouraging and discouraging lessons I have learned about dreamers, Hip-Hop, entrepreneurship, and show business. And I've got to give much, much thanks to the countless number of people who have been unconditionally supportive along the way."

Collier is also the co-producer and co-director of Exit Strategies, a documentary about former gang members and drug dealers sharing their methods of exiting from gang and street life. The film premiered this month at the Hollywood Black Film Festival. His next feature film, BMORE, will begin making festival rounds this Fall. Paper Chasers TV, an internet TV show, is available on YouTube and other internet video services.

For additional information, visit www.paperchasers.net or www.ifctv.com.

2006 BET Awards Is The Most Watched Cable Telecast In History Among African Americans

Throwing Beyonce's hips at an audience right off the bat proved to be genius for BET, who got word from Nielsen that its 2006 BET Awards telecast on Tuesday drew 4.1 million households and

television history.

The show is also the most-watched program in BET's 26-year run, tied with the 2005 BET Awards. The "106 & Park Live from the Red Carpet" pre-show drew 1.4 million viewers, and the post-show offering, "BET News Black Carpet," took in 2.9 million viewers to become the network's most watched BET News program over the past year.

"Have Prince and Stevie Wonder ever performed together in public before? No. Has Janet Jackson ever reunited with her Good Times cast before? No. Has Eminem ever rapped an exclusive



Prince and Stevie Wonder

the most African American viewers (6.6 million) of a broadcast in

verse just for a television show? No. These are just a few of the historical moments that happened on the BET Awards," noted BET President of Entertainment Reginald Hudlin.



Chaka Khan

Lil' Kim Is A Free Woman ... Almost

Lil' Kim used her get out of jail early card on Monday. She can now celebrate Independence Day as a free woman after being incarcerated for nearly 10 months in federal prison in Philadelphia.

The rapper was convicted for lying to a federal grand jury and in the subsequent trial that stemmed from a gun battle in 2001 that erupted outside New York's Hot 97 radio station.

Lil' Kim (nee Kimberly Jones) left jail looking hot to trot in sunglasses and an all-white, cleavage-baring outfit.

Carrying a balloon and a bouquet of white roses, she waved to dozens of cheering onlookers before getting into a silver Rolls-Royce. The car pulled into a nearby parking lot where she re-emerged to greet the throng.

"I love you," she said, blowing kisses.

Some fans stayed up all night to ensure they made it downtown in time for her 6 a.m. release.

"It was worth it," Shakiyla Williams, 16, told the Associated Press. "She was the same Queen



Bee — fabulous."

The petite rapper, began serving her time in the detention center Sept. 19. She was sentenced to a year and a day in prison, but was released early for good behavior. In a statement released Monday, Lil' Kim

thanked the city and federal corrections officials — as well as her fans — for the support she received while incarcerated.

"Today is a joyous day for me and my family," she said. "I am extremely grateful and happy to be home."

She stopped Monday to visit with her parole officer in Newark, N.J., and then returned home, where she was greeted by friends, family and a catered spread including barbecue chicken, macaroni and cheese, and salmon pasta salad.

Lil' Kim will remain under house arrest for 30 days at her home in Alpine, N.J., and be under supervised release for three years.

"She has accepted responsibility and handled herself in an exemplary manner," her attorney, L. Londell McMillan, said in a statement released by Lil' Kim's publicist.

Brandy Could Be Next "Star"

Will actress/singer Brandy replace Star Jones Reynolds on "The View"? A source close to the show is saying Brandy's guest appearances scheduled for this week are an audition.

The 27-year-old is scheduled to fill on the ABC show Wednesday and Friday. A source told People Magazine, "These tryouts are for consid-

eration for the permanent gig."

The singer starred in her own show, "Moesha", previously, and is currently serving as a judge on the NBC show "America's Got Talent." She recently said she'd like to do a lot more TV.

Another star reportedly vying for the spot is "One Life to Live" actress Renee Goldsberry who will co-host the show again

Monday.



Bobby Brown's Bizarre Antics Spoil New Edition Reunion At Essence Fest

Reports from the Essence Festival in Houston say Bobby Brown's reunion with New Edition didn't exactly set well with the audience. It seems his antics had the audience yelling for him to get off the stage.

As the rest of New Edition moved through slick choreography, Brown ran around the stage wildly performing raunchy dance moves.

After the band brought the crowd to its feet with their performance of "Mr. Telephone Man," Brown then left the

stage and the remainder of the group -- original members



Ralph Tresvant, Ricky Bell, Michael Bivins and Ronnie DeVoe, plus Johnny Gill, who replaced Brown -- performed several ballads.

Brown followed with a solo set that started with "Don't Be Cruel," then quickly turned to more raunchy dancing and talk about his sex life with wife Whitney Houston.

By the time he finished "My Prerogative," Brown was shirtless and many in the audience were screaming for him to get off the stage.

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designed the United Nation Pageant to be a competition for "real people". The main purpose of this competition is to showcase women of all ages of the United States of America and the entire world. These women, young and old alike, do not have to fit into a cookie cutter mold of the ideal life. She is a real person who truly cares about others. She is not only attractive on the outside; she is beautiful on the inside as well.

United Nation delegates are judged on interview, where independent judges ask questions to determine her views on her life, her family, her passion and how she can make a difference if she wins. Although physical fitness is an element of competition, taking pride in one's body is more important than actual shape. United Nation contestants compete in tennis wear because this attire does not exploit the contestant or make her feel uncomfortable in front

of a large group of people. Eveningwear highlights her poise and grace and finishes the competition with elegance and style.

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Nissan Gone Wild.... In Bridgeport, Texas

By: E. Dewayne Gibson, Jr.

The good marketing and communications folks at NISSAN USA took journalist on an expedition almost an hour east of Fort Worth, Texas to a small town of Bridgeport. The Nissan Off-Road Experience showcased the 4x4 capabilities of Nissan trucks and SUVs. Nissan brought the Titan and Frontier pickups and Xterra SUV to the truck capitol of the world to put them to the test on a challenging off-road course. This is the first time each product has been showcased to this extent on an off-road course since their debuts. The course contained rock climbs, steep descents, water obstacles, a rocky rugged terrain and much more. It is the only one of its kind in North Central Texas.

As an automotive journalist, I acquired a real off-road experience of driving in 4x4 mode as well as utilizing the 2nd gear on

the rugged terrain. Venturing downhill on very slippery steep slopes which must have been at a 65 to 75 degree angle was very adventurous. The Nissan Xterra and the Titan are well equipped for any weather.

The Nissan off-road course was built in a rock quarry that was recently purchased by the town of Bridgeport. The new off-road park reminded me of a primitive cave or an inactive volcano. It was excellent site for off-roading. "It was designed to help journalists discover just how capable Nissan's trucks really are in a setting they wouldn't normally take a truck," said Steve Parrett, Nissan Corporate Communications. "It shows we aren't afraid to push our trucks to the limit."

We also had the opportunity to meet drivers from the Nissan Championship Off-Road Racing (CORR) teams, Chad Hord, Carl Renezeder and Art Schmidt.



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Generation Triple XL: African American Kids' Obesity Rates Rise

Experts predict that unless the obesity rates among all children is reversed, the current generation ("Generation XXXL") may be the first ever whose life expectancy will be shorter than that of their parents.

African American and Latino children have been particularly hard hit by the childhood obesity crisis. Studies show that almost 36 percent of black children between the ages of six and eleven are overweight, and more than 19 percent are con-

sidered obese. Among twelve- to nineteen-year-olds, 40 percent are overweight and nearly 24 percent are obese.

Mexican American children fare even worse. According to the American Obesity Association, nearly 40 percent of Mexican American children aged six to eleven are overweight and almost 44 percent are obese.

Economics and weight are closely related. According to the American Obesity Association, "overweight affects

African Americans across all socioeconomic levels. Minorities with low incomes, however, appear to have the greatest likelihood of being overweight, and among Mexican Americans the rate of overweight is about 13 percent higher for families living below the poverty line versus above the poverty line."

"In an effort to make food budgets stretch, many families cook meals high in fat and starch," explains Robyn McGee, author of Hungry for

More: A Keeping-it-Real Guide for Black Women on Weight and Body Image. "Feeling deprived in other areas of their lives, people living in poverty might reward themselves with cookies, cakes, and other satisfying sweets. And of course this is the "video game" generation. Kids just aren't getting the exercise they should." Lack of physical activity combined with "supersized" meals means too many kids suffering in poor health.

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Senior Pastor: Salty Christians are the only ones who add true spice to life. (Matthews 5:13) The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary. (Genesis 2:15; Exodus 20:9-10) Those who begin the day with prayer usually end it with praise. (Daniels 6:10-15) Adversity is like a mirror, it is sent to draw us closer to God! (2 Samuel 4:9; Proverbs 24:10) Anything that's big enough to worry about is big enough to pray about. (Luke 18:1; Psalm 61:1) Let God's love fill your cup and you will find no difficulty in letting it overflow to others. (Psalm 16:11) Worry kills more people than work because more people worry than work! (Matthews 6:26; 33:34) Behind the clouds of trouble the grace of God is still shining. (Job 5:7)

Let your light shine - many are walking in darkness! (Matthews 5:16) God does not demand success or profit, just obedience. (1 Samuel 15:22) If God sends a man into a lion's den of trouble, He always goes there with him. (Psalm 91:15) The way to face trial is to begin praying, continue watching, and end up praising. (Hosea 6:4) Calvary is the result of God's heartache for perishing souls. (John 3:14-15; 19:17-18) Spend your time counting your blessings, not airing your complaints. (Psalm 103:2) God wants from us—not our ability, but our availability. (Phil 4:6-7)

Scriptures For July 2006

Many a Christian is not at home when opportunity knocks at his door. (Mark 1:33-34) Christ emptied Himself of celestial glory that sinners might be filled with Heaven's riches. (2 Corinthians 8:9) In



Picture of The Week

Andrew Boston, Song Writer, Producer, and Founder of Gifted Ministries in Dallas, TX. One of his most requested songs is *Forgive Me. Reach Him* @ giftedministry@yahoo.com

God's eyes it is a great thing to do a little well (Colossians 3:23; 1 Corinthians 10:3) The darker the night, the nearer the dawn! (Psalm 30:5) The family that prays seldom strays! (James 5:17-18) Hold firm the lantern of truth and it will guide you aright. (Proverb 3:6) God and you make a majority that can win against all odds. (Romans 8:31; Matthews 28:20)

God can turn winds of adversity into showers of blessings. (Genesis 50:20) For the Christian there is an appointment in every disappointment! (Psalm 42:11; Romans 8:28) There will be more power in

the pulpit when there is more prayer in the pew! (Acts 4:31) The best bell to ring to call people to church is a good example! (1 Timothy 4:12; Hebrew 13:24-25) To live victoriously think less of things "over you" and more of the power of Christ "in you." (1 John 4:4) Holiness is not a luxury for a few, but a necessity for all. (Hebrews 12:14; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18) A true friend will put a finger on your faults without rubbing them in! (Proverbs 27:5-6)

The wise man adjusts himself to the Bible, but the fool adjusts the Bible to himself (1 Corinthians 3:19) Everyday is the right day to use the right word. (Proverbs 24:6)

UPDATE: I had many calls about Dean Mills, the local vocalist & saxophone player and his Jazz for Jesus CD's. He was featured in *MON-The Gazette* last week, June 29th. His latest CD "Restoration" which includes songs: *Peace of Mind, Home, Love is the Only Way, Jonathan's Tune, Have Mercy, When It Hurts the Most, Be Not Weary, Call Home, Beg For Mercy* and others, is a tribute to his late wife, Kamille Marie DuSsette Mills. Good things have been said about it. Judge for yourself, you can hear one of two songs on his website. CD's can also be purchased on line at his website: www.deanmills.org or email him @ jazz4jesusdeanmills@yahoo.com

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Redistricting Verdict Page 1

Marchant: The old district that covered parts of Dallas and Tarrant counties had been represented by Democratic former Congressman Martin Frost. African American voter concentration in that region was scattered into five North Texas congressional districts.

"The Supreme Court basically

said that the way Tom DeLay and his cohorts carved up Southeast Fort Worth to target Martin Frost was okay," said Senator West. "It accomplished their agenda, which was to get more Republicans elected to Congress. But at the same time, a district that represented the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, now groups the citizens of Fort Worth

with those of Denton County."

The Court ruled that the 23rd Congressional district now represented by Rep Henry Bonilla violates the voting rights of Hispanics in the South and West Texas Rio Grande Valley region. The map is remanded to the Austin-based, three-judge appellate court that had jurisdiction in the case. Judges can either redraw the map or allow in to be taken up by the Legislature in 2007.

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July 16, 11 am

Bishop Crawford will be the guest speaker at the Not Our Will (NOW) Ministries for Sunday Morning Service @ the Super 8 Motel, 1305 S. Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville, TX 75067. You are invited to receive a prophetic word and a divine healing.

For more information contact Minister Rudolph Urquhart @ 469-525-0145

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3911 S. Lancaster Road
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

July 28, 7 pm

Our Singles Ministry is hosting a Christian Comedy Show and you are invited. There will be professional Entertainers and licensed Catering @ the Family Life Center, down the street from the main sanctuary. Tickets can be purchased until July 14, 2006.

For more information, please call the church.

First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park

Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor

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July 15, 7:30 am - 12 Noon

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Our speaker will be Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park in Richardson, TX; with Gala Co-Mistresses of Ceremonies, Ms. Lynne Haze, Radio Personality on 94.5FM; and Sister Shirley Demus Tarpley, Religious Editor for MON-The Gazette. Dress attire is Formal and Semi-Formal. Tickets are only \$50. You don't want to miss this event! NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

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Garland, Texas at 7:00 p.m. This banquet is opened to all mothers and sons of all ages and is designed to facilitate a healthy Christian relationship between mothers and their sons.

Tickets are \$40.00 in advance per couple or \$50.00

at the door per couple; each additional ticket is \$15.00. Deadline to purchase tickets is July 5, 2006. To purchase your tickets or for additional information contact Paula White at Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church at 972-276-5218.

Tony Evans' Ministry Committed To Helping The Poor

Dr. Tony Evans, Senior Pastor of the 7,000-member Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church in Dallas, issued this statement in response to criticism of megachurches by attendees at the National Conference and Revival for Social Justice in the Black Church:

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