

ities include setting the membership sales and service standard for the bureau, overseeing the production of all member-based publications and maintaining the dayto-day operations of the member services department. Corporate Since the



indeed our calling. It is indeed what we have been anointed and asked to do."

Morial was still upbeat after Congress and President Bush moved to enact legislation extending key provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"Because of your work and your advocacy, the Voting Rights Act extension got 390 votes in the

organizations. And they stood up at the last minute to a small but determined group. The polite way to describe them is intervenors. The street way to describe them is just plain old-Urban League Page 6

Out Of Africa

By: Erin Evans Africa is far behind the United States in relation to technology.

Currently, only three of 100 people have access to the Net



Partnership Program began two years ago, Richards has recruited 10 corporate partners, bringing in an overall \$310,000 in partnership dollars.

"Cheryl is a proven performer at the Dallas CVB and her new title enables the bureau to develop a broader base of community and corporate support, which is instrumental in our goal of becoming a top-five leisure and meeting destination," said Phillip J. Jones, president/CEO of the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Richards received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of North Texas. She is a member of several community organizations including Dallas Fort Worth Area Tourism Council, Public Relations Society of America, Press Club of Dallas, Dallas Community Police Awards Committee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. among several others.



Arthur E. Sykes, director of facilties services at Eastfield College, was awarded the 2006 Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) Pacesetter Award on July 9 in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Campus of the Future awards reception.

Sykes was awarded for his dedication to the education facilities profession for nearly ten years at Eastfield College.

Sykes is a graduate of the APPA Institute for Facilities Management and has completed APPA building

commissioning and facilities audit workshops. Sykes has served as secretary for APPA's Central Region (CAPPA); received its highest honor, the Distinguished Member Award; and is a recipient of the DFWAPPA's President's Award.

He also served on the 2001 APPA task force aimed at recruitment of historically black colleges and universities.

First awarded in 1999, the Pacesetter Award is designed to encourage further participation in APPA among those who have already made significant contributions at the regional or chapter level. Up to seven Pacesetter Awards may be awarded to individuals each year.

APPA is the association of choice serving educational facilities professionals, representing more than 1,500 learning institutions encompassing over 4,700 individuals throughout the United States, Canada, and internationally.

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City Announces Finalists For Fire Chief

And Director Of Homeland Security

Executive Director Bruce Glasscock today of Irving announced the list of finalists for both the recently vacated position of Fire Chief and Fire Chief, Prince William the newly created position of Director of Homeland Security.

Fire Chief finalists are: (in alphabeti- Fire Chief, Los Angeles cal order)

· Robert Acker, Interim Fire Chief, City of Plano

· Steve Earley, Deputy Fire Chief, City of Riverside, California

· Hugo Esparza, Executive Deputy Fire Chief, City of Fort Worth

· Michael Evitts, Assistant Fire Chief, City

· Kevin McGee, Assistant County, Virginia · Mike Morgan, Assistant

County, California

Director of Homeland Security finalists are: (in alphabetical order) · Colonel Brian Attaway,

Texas National Guard, Austin · James Delaney, National

Finalists Announced Page 5

Ringling Bros. And Barnum & Bailey, And National Cowboys Of Color **Museum Saddle Up For A Special Day**

Circus, Cowboy and Rodeo Star Andre McClain Donates Costume to Museum; Museum Founder Jim Austin will be Honored as 'Guest Ringmaster' at Circus Performance

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame will be hosting a day full of activities to celebrate the legacy of the nineteenth century black cowboys and pioneers who traveled across and settled in the vast territory west of the Mississippi River. Theirs is a history that is almost completely absent from the traditional story of the American West.

On Thursday, August 10, the day begins with a FREE party from 11AM to High Noon at the National Cowboys of Color Museum, located at 3400 Mount Vernon Avenue in Fort Worth. Children Of All

Ages[™] are invited to meet Ringling Bros. Andre McClain, who be unveiling one of his elaborate costumes that will be donated to the Museum. Worn during the 133rd Edition of The Greatest Show On Earth®, the brilliant red, country-andwestern costume is adorned with lavish beadwork of two horses he trained and owned - Paint, a 9-



year-old Painter horse that walked on his hind legs while Andre rode him, and Wolf Chaser, a 15-year-old Saddlebred competition horse. Fittingly, the costume is also

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in regions of West Africa. Some critics feel that by lessening the technology divide,

poverty will be eradicated. With all this said, in December 2005, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan met with the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Tunisia, Africa to discuss plans to close the technology gap between developed nations and African nations.

The forum was not dominated by proposals to donate money or send missionaries to develop community access to the Internet, but by a one-kilogram, green laptop computer.

Nicholas Negroponte, cofounder of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media

Lab, developed the computer to help eradicate poverty in underdeveloped nations. The laptop costs \$100 and does not rely on electricity to operate. By turning its yellow crank for 10 minutes, the laptop runs for 30 minutes.

Although I do believe that the technology divide is a large part of the poverty dilemma in Africa, I also think it will take more than just Out Of Africa Page 4

Former Surgeon General To Speak At UTD Aug. 24



Dr. David Satcher Will Help Center Kick Off Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month Activities

The Sickle Cell Disease Research Center at The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) will host a talk by Dr. David Satcher, the 16th Surgeon General of the United States and a former Assistant

Secretary for Health, on Thursday, Aug. 24 to help kick off the center's Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month activities. The talk, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 4 p.m. in the TI of UTD's Auditorium Engineering and Computer Science South Building (Room 2.102).

Satcher, currently interim president of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, will discuss the challenging issue of diversity in biomedical research.

As Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health, Satcher led the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' effort to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health, an initiative

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Community Spotlight

Capital One Annual Charity Golf Classic Raises \$120,000 For Boys & Girls Clubs Of Collin County

More than 200 golfers from The event raised \$120,000 for all over the country played in the Third Annual Charity Golf Classic, sponsored by Capital One, June 26 at Eldorado Country Club in McKinney.

the Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County (BGCCC), which has branches in McKinney, Frisco and Plano and serves more than 3,200 area children annually.



From left, Harry LaRosiliere, Plano City Council Member; John McGrane, Director of Finance; Christina Alford, chief executive officer and executive director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County; Lee Dunlap, Plano City Council Member; and Rod Hogan, Executive Director; on the course at Eldorado Country Club for the 2006 Capital One Charity Golf Classic befitting BGCCC.



Capital One Community Corps volunteers check in corporate golfers at the third Annual Capital One Charity Golf Classic at Eldorado Country Club in McKinney to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County. The event raised a record \$120,000 for the BGCCC.



Kyle Shilder, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Capitol One Auto Finance, presents a check for \$120,000 as proceeds of the 2006 Capital One Charity Golf Classic to Christina Alford, chief executive officer and executive director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County,

director of partnership development for Capital One Auto Finance and chairman of the BGCCC board of directors, also chairs the annual tournament. Keechle and Kyle Shilder, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Capital One Auto Finance, made the check presentation to Christina Alford, BGCCC chief executive officer and executive director.

\$25,000, then exceeded our there is still a great need for the

Alexander J. Keechle, senior wildest expectations last year with \$75,000 for the Clubs. But this year, we really topped our goal, and we are so pleased to present \$120,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County," Shilder said during the closing ceremonies.

Alford urged the crowd to remember the purpose of the tournament, noting that "although Collin County is regarded as one of the more "In our first year, we raised affluent counties in the nation,



2730 N. Stemmons Frwy, Suite 409 • Dallas, TX 75207 Not Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization services of the Boys & Girls Clubs. At two of our branches, we have waiting lists of hundreds of children who desperately need the positive direction we provide. Thank you for traveling to be with us today and for your enthusiasm."



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and Alexander J. Keechle, chairman of the board of directors of BGCCC.

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Collin County The 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

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

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 Arts Kafe & Bar1906-1908 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 Alpha Beta Chapter of 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. 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.

August 3

Lawrence Otis Graham presents The Senator and The Socialite: The True Story of America's First Black Dynasty at 6:00 p.m. at Black Images.

CAI 3rd Annual Trade Show from 8:30am to 3pm at Plano Centre. Free seminars on the basics of community association management, governance, board meetings,

dispute solutions and legal issues. For more information call Linda Razzano, CMCA at 214-575-5007. National Medical Association T.E.A. Talk Program at the Adams Mark Hotel's Chaparral Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Includes free health screenings. For more information call 202-347-1895.

Erykah Badu, Jill Scott and Queen Latifah in concert at Nokia Live in Grand Prairie at 8:00 p.m.

August 5

Primerica Dream Team Fast Start School from 9 am to 3 pm at Plano Centre. A locker room workshop that develops teammates. Roundtable discussions, guest speakers and a great reception. \$20 per person. For more information contact 877.271.9851 or visit www.primerica.com/craigmorgan.

Internal Medicine Board Review at Plano Centre from 8 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday. Internal Medicine Board Certification and Re-certification review course for physicians. \$300. For more information email contact@owntheboards.com or visit www.owntheboards.com.

Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show featuring artists from Utah, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana and Texas. Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. \$4. Portion of admission goes to Hope's Door local domestic abuse center. For more information contact Earline Walters at 903-217-8081 or visit www.heartoftexasshow.com

Back to School Carnival at Cornerstone Baptist Church. 2815 S. Ervay. 10 am to 12 pm. Call 214-426-5468 for more information.

Irving Back To School Festival at Irving Mall. HWY 183 and Belt Line. Free immunizations. Backpacks and school supplies will be given to students who need shots. From 9 am to 1 pm. Call 972-742-5982 for more information.

August 9

Rwandan Film Documentary: God Sleeps in Rwanda at Angelika Theatre in Mockingbird Station at 8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. \$5-\$15. Call 214-428-8700 for more information.

August 11

Victoria Christopher Murray autographs A Sin and A Shame at 6:00 p.m. at Black Images.

Mary J. Blige in concert at Smirnoff Music Center at 8:00 p.m. Featuring Jaheim and Letoya. available Tickets through Ticketmaster.

August 12

No Limit Women's Expo features exhibitors with products, services, and business opportunities for women. 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano from 10am - 6pm FREE. Call 972-898-5882.

Gospel Music Workshop of America Convention will convene through August 18 at the Dallas Convention Center. It is the largest international music convention of its kind. Nightly musicals. Visit

http://www.gmwanational.org for more information.

Dallas Music Festival with Earth, Wind and Fire at Smirnoff Centre at 7 p.m. Call 214-373-8000.

August 13

Richardson Community Band summer concert series at Richardson Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. Call 972-673-8256. Free! Bring lawn chairs and picnics. 411 W. Arapaho Road.

August 18

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Friday Night Live at 7:09 p.m. A singles event. 1808 W. Camp Wisdom Road. Call 972-228-1281.

Sommore, BET's first female Comic View host will be at the Addison Improv through August 20. Friday at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 4980 Belt Line Road #250, Addison 75240. 972-404-8501.

August 19

The International Bazaar at the Potter's House from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 6777 W. Kiest Blvd. 972-291-8607. Celebrating diverse cultures in Dallas/Fort Worth.

August 25

Dallas Regional Minority Enterprise Development Week at the Hyatt Regency. "Mastering the Supply Chain." For details contact Mcompany at 1-866-280-6826.

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Op-Ed



Americans are the largest consumers of goods on this planet, and for whatever reason, black people are this country's consumption overachievers, purchasing consumer goods at per capita rates higher than any other ethnic group. So I thought I'd give a little consumer quiz this week by asking a question: What do Levi's jeans, Fig Newton cookies, Radio Flyer wagons, Huffy bicycles, merchandise from Old Navy, Mattel, The Gap, Abercrombie& Fitch and Tommy Hilfiger all have in common?

The answer is that none of these products are currently manufactured in the United States. That's right, Tommy Hilfiger doesn't want us in his clothes and they're being made by a little girl in China who makes \$6 a day. Still wanna buy that shirt?

Our country is outsourcing products (and as a direct result, outsourcing jobs) at an alarming rate. It is estimated that 2.8 million manufacturing jobs have been lost since President Bush took office, many of them because corporations have shipped them to countries such as China, which is creating a booming manufacturing industry on the backs of its poorlypaid workers. This outsourcing is no longer limited to blue collar jobs as call center reps, accountants, software engineers-even X-ray technicians-are losing their jobs as corporations look for low-wage workers in countries such as India and China.

Meanwhile, the jobs being created in the United States often are low-wage jobs that don't offer health coverage or ensure any retirement security. Nearly one-quarter of the nation's workers labor in jobs that generally pay less than the

The Outsourcing Of America

\$8.85 hourly wage the U.S. gov- reaping record profits through ernment says it takes to keep a family of four out of poverty. The overall U.S. poverty rate increased for the fourth straight year (to 12.7%) in 2005. Sixty percent of such workers are women, and most are people of color. All of which makes me wonder what kind of debate Congress could possibly be having about raising the minimum wage.

The quality of jobs and the security of jobs in the United States is changing right under our noses. In 1970 the biggest U.S. corporation was General Motors. Working there and at other large manufacturing companies meant good wages, health care and a pension for employees. Today the largest U.S. corporation is Wal-Mart and the environment for workers is completely different. The average salary of a Wal-Mart employee is \$18,000, the company turns over 70% of its employees in their first year, and most Wal-Mart employees have no benefits.

In his book about the outsourcing of U.S. jobs, Take This Job and Ship It, Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D) asserts "moving jobs to China and running profits through the Cayman Islands to avoid taxes undermines American workers and threatens our future."

Dorgan states further that about 750,000 U.S. jobs have been lost via NAFTA, and the three largest imports from Mexico are autos, auto parts, and electronics, all of which displace high-skilled and high paying American jobs. Even Fig Newtons are now imported from Mexico. We have gone from a \$1.3 billion surplus with Mexico in 1994 to a \$45 billion deficit.

The most unfathomable thing about the outsourcing of American jobs is U.S. taxpayers directly fund the corporations that outsource through tax breaks! We actually subsidize the movement of jobs to other countries. Corporations are

Where Do You Want To Go Today?

outsourcing at the same time their tax payments are dwindling. From 1945 to 2000 the share of income taxes paid by corporations dropped from 35% to 10%. Companies that move jobs overseas can reinvest those profits there and pay no U.S. income taxes; or, they can repatriate the money and pay only 5.25% federal tax.

I've heard all the arguments justifying tax cuts, but I challenge anyone to explain to me how a U.S. corporation should get a tax break for outsourcing a call center job to India.

So what do we do? Our clothes, our cars, our electronic gadgets-none of them are made in this country and most of us seem ok with that. Like so many issues in this country, change is dependent on us becoming informed first and involved second.

We can start by encouraging Congress to pull the United States out of world trade pacts such as NAFTA and the World Trade Organization. We can also limit the number of temporary work visas for high-skilled foreign workers. These folks take jobs from Americans in the short run, and then return home to make future offshore outsourcing easier for U.S. companies. We can also demand that call centers operating overseas reveal their locations through caller id. Finally, education is the long term solution to outsourcing. Our country must develop a highly-skilled technical workforce that compels companies to hire the best people for the job. The best people that live here.

So the next time you buy those jeans or that bicycle or eat those fig newtons, think about where they were made and who made them. And think about what economy your dollars are supporting. Odds are its not this one.

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The Black Hair Care Tragicomedy

By: James Clingman -**NNPA** Columnist

The saddest part about this issue is the fact that we could see this one coming. Now that it has hit its mark, right between our eyes, maybe the pain will be severe enough not only to get our attention but also to hold our attention long enough for us to rally our forces and fight back. The Black Hair Care Industry (BHCI) has, once again, become a hot topic among folks other than Koreans.

Now that an investigative documentary has been produced about the industry, obviously shocking Black people once again, maybe some of us will resolve to do something to reclaim at least a portion of that vertical market. After all, the last time I checked, no one is using Black hair care products except Black folks.

The documentary discloses information, none of which was news to BHCI insiders, about the ownership of stores and distribution of hair products sought and bought by Black people. The main point of the report centered on the fact that Koreans own and control, and I do mean control, the overwhelming majority of the distribution and sale of Black hair care products, which includes shampoos, conditioners, oils and creams, and those fashionable hairpieces our sisters love to wear.

Some Black folks have seen this coming since the 1980s, especially if in light of the infamous but prophetic comments by then Revlon executive, Irving Bottner, and the subsequent "funeral" and boycott of Revlon Products headed by Jesse Jackson. Man, where is Jesse now? We sure could use another funeral.

Nevertheless, as we looked on, and in some cases collaborated in the demise of Black control of an industry that brags about Madame Walker, Annie Turnbo-Malone, Anthony Overton, S.B. Fuller, and many other Black hair care pioneers, the Koreans have used the past 20 years or so

build their businesses and create and no matter where you are in wealth for their families. Oh yeah, we still get to look good, and we are quite willing to pay for it, but is looking good better than "doing good" - for yourself?

The three questions again come to mind: What? So what? Now what? At this stage, since we have ignored the "so what?" stage, we must deal with the "now what?" What are Black people going to do, if anything, about this situation? On the video, there are calls for boycotts, which could be done simply by buying your products at Black owned stores that get their products through Black owned channels of distribution. Oops, I almost forgot; we don't have very many of those, do we?

But, we do have some, so let's start there. We also have a relatively new organization, called BOBSA, the Black Owned Beauty Supply Association (see bobsa.org or call 650 357 0073). Every venture begins with a first step, so our "now what?" step must be taken from where we are, with what we have, and with whoever will go. If Black people are serious about slowing down the Korean Black Hair Care Express and revving up an economic engine of our own in this industry, we had better get busy buying from one another, expanding the Black channels of distribution we already have, creating investment pools to build warehouses and wholesale facilities, and all the other things it take to become "players" once again.

BOBSA is advocating for those changes and more, but it needs help from you, the consumer, on two fronts. BOBSA needs you to become a working member and supporter, and it needs you to commit to redirecting your spending. In addition, if you are serious, you should locate every Black hair care products store in your area and ask the owners to support BOBSA by becoming members. From that effort a nationwide database can be developed and

the country, you can find a Black owned store from which to purchase your products.

Now these suggestions are not coming from an expert in the industry; there are folks who know much more about this than I. Call upon them and get their ideas; use them as consultants to help recapture a portion YOUR market. Do everything it takes to hold on to what is probably the last vestige of an industry developed and maintained by Black people.

It is, quite frankly, shameful, as I think of the great brothers and sisters I teach about in my Black Entrepreneurship class, that we have allowed this to happen. Nothing against the Koreans for taking care of their business and beating us out of our own game, but are they really that much smarter than we are? Are they more capable of running this business than we are? Are they that much better at marketing to our people than we? Oh, it's about the money isn't it? It always is. Do they have more money than we? Or, is it that they use their money collectively to help their group a lot more than we do?

Now we're getting to meat of this issue, right? We can come up with all the excuses and reasons for being behind in a race that only Black people ran in for years, but we cannot truthfully say that we are consciously disturbed enough, collective enough in our thinking, and willing to make the sacrifices necessary to do what other groups do to build their wealth. Watch the video and you will see how it's done, just in case you have forgotten.

I end with this challenge. Make a commitment and then follow through on that commitment to purchase Black manufactured hair care products from Black owned outlets. Let's write a happy ending to this tragicomedy. One more thought: Don't envy the hair that Brandy wears; buy your

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

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to mov-

ing our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true



to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity! MON-The Gazette formally Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones posted on BOBSA's Web site, own, from your own.

Fighting Childhood Obesity

By: Marian Wright Edelman -**NNPA** Columnist

President Former Bill Clinton and Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee are from different political parties, but they've teamed up on a new campaign: battling childhood obesity. The American Heart Association and the Clinton Foundation have partnered to create the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and together with Governor Huckabee, the Alliance is dedicated to stopping the rise in childhood obesity by 2010 and teaching all children about the importance of good nutrition and physical activity. Black parents and all parents need to join this fight to protect our children's health.

What's the issue? Experts estimate 16 percent of American children are currently overweight-more than 11 million. They're especially alarmed because just like for American adults, these numbers are rising rapidly: The rate has doubled for children over the 25 years, and tripled for teenagers. Some adults may see a heavy child as a sign of a healthy eater, or might think of weight as mostly connected to looks. But we need to be reminded that there are serious risks for some overweight children that go far beyond teasing on the playground.

Diseases once associated only with adults, such as Type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure, are on the rise at younger and younger ages. Overweight children are also estimated to have a 70 percent chance of being overweight adults. So for many children, this may be more than just a "chubby" phase they'll someday outgrow. Instead, they may be getting set up for a life-

time of the increased health risks that come with being overweight. The most pressing one, cardiovascular disease, remains the leading killer in America, and if the trends in childhood obesity continue experts predict they could cut two to five years off the average American lifespan.

There are many reasons childhood obesity is on the rise. For one, American children are immersed in the same "supersize me" culture that snares adults, surrounded by highcalorie, high-fat food that's plentiful, cheap, and often served in unrealistically big portions. Today's children and teenagers are also less likely than past generations to spend free time running around outdoors and more likely to spend it on the couch watching television or playing video games, often with snacks and sodas right next to them. Even schools have been blamed as part of the problem. Many districts have cut back on gym time and even recess. The quality of school meals and easy availability of snacks and soft drinks in many school vending machines have been some of the first targets in the new war on child obesity, and one of the places there's already been progress.

A number of school districts and state legislatures are pushing to improve the health content of school breakfasts and lunches and ban or limit the unhealthy products children are able to buy instead of meals, cutting down on the number of children who right now grab a candy bar and soda from the machine in the hallway and call that "lunch." In response to growing pressure around the issue, the three largest soft drink companies recently agreed to new voluntary limits on the types of drinks they'll distribute in schools. They'll now focus on providing milk, 100 percent juice, and bottled water to elementary and middle school students, with a few other low-calorie choices like diet sodas or sports drinks added for older students. This may be just one piece of the puzzle, but advocates are hoping as more people become aware of the current risks to children's health, more and more industries, schools, restaurants, and communities will make positive changes like this one that will add up to make a big difference for America's children. .

Even with these kinds of changes in children's environments, the biggest influence in their habits will come from the same place it always has: Home. Parents have always been the ones to tell their children to eat more green vegetables or get some fresh air. We know our beautiful children come in all shapes and sizes, but by being aware of the serious health risks some overweight children do face and the long-term value of a balanced diet and regular exercise for all children, we can help make sure all our children grow up to be the healthiest they can be. Making healthy food and exercise part of family life is the right place to start-and will be good for many adults too! Teaching good habits to children early can have lifelong consequences, and someday our children--and grandchildren--will thank us.

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Education **48th Annual New Teachers Luncheon To Feature Prominent Dallas Entrepreneur**

Commerce's 48th Annual New Teachers Luncheon, presented by Texans Credit Union, will honor more than 450 new Richardson Independent School District teachers on Aug. 3 at the Renaissance Hotel. Albert C. Black, Jr., founder, president and CEO of On-Target Supplies and Logistics, will deliver the keynote address.

The event begins with checkin and registration at 11 a.m. and festivities get underway at 11:30. RCC Chairman of the Board Paul Voelker will emcee the luncheon and welcome the new teachers.

A limited number of seats are still available for \$35 for members, and \$45 for non-members. Contact the Chamber office at

The Richardson Chamber of 972-792-2800 or log on to the mission and values and managed in Houston, Glenrose, Plano, Chamber's Web site for more information.

> Albert C. Black was born in 1959, the voungest of seven children and raised in the Frazier Courts housing projects in South Dallas. He graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a general studies degree, with a focus on business and political science. He received an M.B.A. from the Cox School of Business Southern Methodist at University.

Early in life Black became an entrepreneur - one with an agenda to create a successful business in the inner city community where he grew up. He founded On-Target in 1982 with his wife and two other partners. As president he developed the company's

the daily challenges of a start up business. On-Target is located in



Albert C. Black, Jr., founder, president and CEO of On-Target Supplies and Logistics

southern Dallas with additional offices and warehouse operations

Instruments, TXU, EDS, AT&T, Alcatel and many more. Black's wife Gwyneith serves On-Target as vice president of business relationships. He has three children: Oliver Victor

Sherman and Tucson, Arizona.

Its client list includes Texas

Black, Albert C. Black, III (Tre')

and Cora René Black. The Annual New Teachers Luncheon honors new teachers entering the Richardson Independent School District (RISD). Since 1958, area businesses, organizations and individuals have expressed their strong interest in maintaining quality education for the students, faculty and staff of RISD by supporting the annual New Teachers Luncheon.

Richland College To Stay Open Until Midnight On Aug. 3 For Fall Registration

What? Richland College is making it even easier to enroll in Fall 2006 classes by staying open until midnight for "Open House. Open Late."

When? 8:30 a.m to midnight on Thursday, Aug. 3.

Where? Thunderduck Hall of Richland College, 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas.

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food for a hungry family or a

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for the heads of household nor

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Currently, food shortages

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Open Late." marks the first time What else? Students will be able to talk with academic advisors, register for credit or continuing education classes, take a tour of Richland College, and attend info sessions on paying for college, succeeding in college and the best career fields in Texas.

Significance? "Open House.

for Windows XP offered in the country after isiZulu.

Ethiopia--The droughtrelated food shortages in areas of southern Ethiopia will continue for much of this year mainly due to erratic rainfall, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) said.

"The effects of the poor recent rains are now beginning to be felt by the population. Pastures, especially for the grazers, are becoming scarce and water tanking operations are likely to be required from mid-August in some of the areas now experiencing sharp declines in water availability," according to the report.

Liberia-Nearly 15,000 children between the ages of 5-18

Richland has hosted a late-night registration event. It's also the only event of its kind among the Dallas County Community Colleges for Fall 2006 registration. "Open House. Open Late." is part of Richland College's effort to make registration easy and convenient for prospective

half of children in the country were out of school to bring in more money for their household. The International Rescue Committee will be helping the government to launch Countering Youth and Child Labor through Education. The program will concentrate on six Liberian communities. It also promises to create awareness about child labor, help parents with tuition and fees for school, improve teacher training and

repairing school buildings. Angola-On August 1, separatists signed a peace deal to end the 29-year civil war, but several dissenting members of the independence group vowed to continue fighting.

"The United States strongly will return to school. More than supports the Cabindan peace

students -- a nationwide trend in higher education.

Free stuff? Students who complete an application or present a paid continuing education fee receipt on Aug. 3 will receive a free drawstring backpack.

More info? Visit www.richlandcollege.edu/openlate or call 972-238-6007 for more information.

process," the embassy said in a statement. "For the people of Cabinda, this memorandum is more than just a document on peace and reconciliation; it is the promise of economic development and increased political influence."

But sections of Cabinda's splintered separatist movement, including the rebel Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda (FLEC), said they would not recognize the 'Memorandum of signed in Understanding' Angola's southern port city of Namibe.

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Surgeon General To Speak Page 1 that was incorporated as one of the two major goals of Healthy People 2010, the nation's health agenda for the next ten years. He also released reports about crucial health care issues, including tobacco and health, mental health, children's mental health, suicide prevention, youth violence and obesity. Satcher served as Surgeon General from 1998 to 2002 and as Assistant Secretary for Health from 1998 to 2001, making him only the second person in history to have held both positions simultaneously.

A former Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and Macy Faculty Fellow, Satcher has been the recipient of numerous distinguished awards, including from the American Medical Association and the American Academy for the Advancement of Science. He also has served as director of the

Prevention in Atlanta and president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.

"Dr. Satcher has devoted his entire career to alleviating inequities in the fields of healthcare, science and research," said Dr. Betty Pace, director of UTD's Sickle Cell Disease Research Center. "The need for a diverse work force permeates all aspects of the health-related research efforts of our nation and we are excited that Dr. Satcher has consented to update us on the progress made to increase diversity in biomedical research."

Members of the public are invited to participate in the Sickle Cell Disease Research Center's efforts to "Discover the Cure" by attending the following events on Aug. 24:

• 4–5 p.m. — Satcher presentation - "Diversity in Biomedical Research" - TI Auditorium, ECS South, Room 2.102

 7:30-9p.m. Dinner/fundraiser Centers for Disease Control and for the Sickle Cell Disease

Research Center Student Scholarship Fund - \$100 per person (sponsorships also available) - UTD Conference Center, Meeting Rooms, 1.206, 1.212

Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder. People with the disease have red blood cells that contain mostly hemoglobin S, an abnormal type of hemoglobin. Sometimes these red blood cells become crescent shaped and have difficulty passing through small blood vessels, leading to a decrease or loss of blood flow. This may lead to tissue damage recurrent pain and other complications. Bone marrow transplantation offers a cure for a limited number of individuals, but there currently is no universal cure. September is National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

For more information about the seminar or to purchase dinner tickets, contact Rosie Peterson (972)at

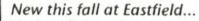
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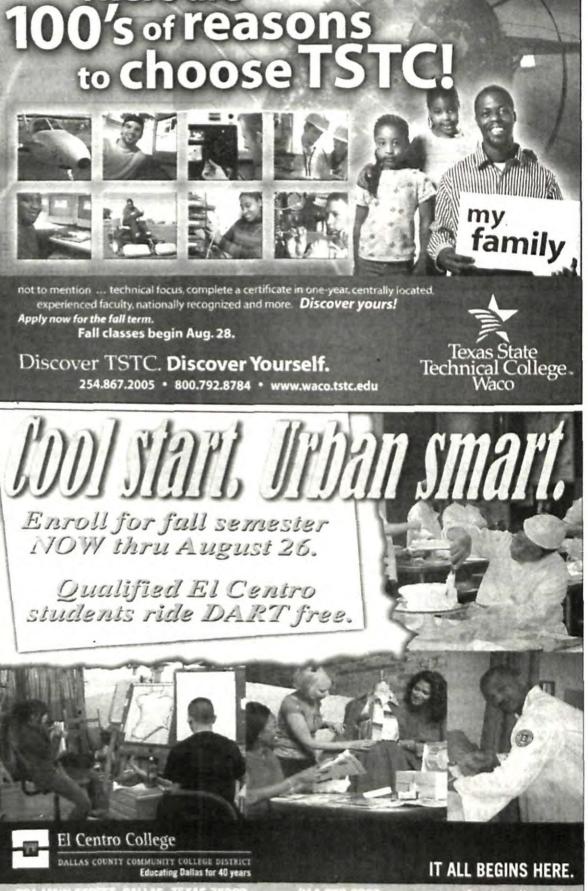
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Business Directory To Advertise Call 972-606-7498 Plano Businesses Reap Profits From Cash In Their Trash

Local businesses are literally finding "cash in their trash" through their participation in various recycling programs supported through the City's Commercial Diversion Department.

"Diversion" refers to diverting materials from the landfill by reducing, reusing or recycling them. Plano's Commercial Diversion team is charged with increasing the City's diversion rate through marketing of several business recycling programs including office paper, single-stream, organic as well as construction and demolition.

Plano Wal-Mart Supercenter Store #3482 expects annual savings of over \$40,000 due to implementation of organic recycling. "Prior to organic recycling, the store's trash compactor was serviced once a week - now it's serviced once a month!," said Store manager residents. Plano's construction

Kevin Crawford.

The North Texas Tollway Authority recycles paper, cardboard, bottles and cans through the City's single-stream recycling program. A monthly trash disposal savings of about \$230 will result in annual savings over \$2,700.

"The potential for significantlv reducing our solid waste disposal costs certainly played a role in our decision to participate in this unique recycling program," said Joey Phillip, General Manager of Krispy Kreme Donuts. Phillip's restaurant is able to reduce its trash service level saving his shop over \$600 per month, translating into savings of over \$7,000 annually. Businesses which generate a large amount of cardboard, bottles and cans may choose the single-stream recycling program, which mirrors the recycling services offered to Plano

and demolition recycling pro- mented both single-stream and gram represents the opportunity for diversion and reuse of source-separated construction materials such as concrete, wood and metal. Over 100 various grocery stores, restaurants, corporate and school cafeterias (31 PISD locations) and other specialty shops participate in the City's organic recycling program. By taking these recvclables out of its waste stream, a company can reduce its waste disposal charges.

"The most expensive way to dispose of waste is trash," says Andrea Allston, a commercial diversion coordinator for the City's Sustainability and Environmental Services Department. "The cost of recycling 8 yards of recyclables for per month is \$52.13, while the cost of disposing 8 yards of trash per month is \$122.90 - 58% less to recycle."

The Bavarian Grill imple- trash" call 972-769-4150.

organic recycling this year. In addition to the cost savings of over \$1,000 annually, owner Jurgen Mahneke indicates "it's the right thing to do for our environment!"

The City of Plano is unique in that it employs five commercial diversion coordinators. Two coordinators cover the City's general businesses, two target construction and demolition companies, while another supports the Plano Independent School District, institutions and churches.

"In light of rising gasoline prices and other operating costs, businesses are looking for ways to reduce their overhead and administrative expenses," says Ms. Allston.

For a free business waste stream analysis by a commercial diversion coordinator to see if your business has "cash in the

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Take Advantage Of The Texas Sales Tax Holiday Dallas Offers Tax-Free Shopping Weekend August 4-6, 2006

known for its wonderful shopping and this weekend is guaranteed to be even better as many retailers are gearing up for those seeking back-toschool bargains during this

Dallas is a city that is August 4 to midnight on overall. Sunday, August 6, Texas consumers will be exempt from state and local sales taxes for most clothing and footwear priced under \$100, potentially saving Texas consumers \$8 on year's annual tax-free holiday. every \$99.99 spent and, cumu-

"Tax-Free Weekend is an ideal time for both local residents and regional visitors to visit Dallas and its superb shopping venues, said Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau President/CEO Phillip Jones. From 12:01 a.m. on Friday, latively, millions of dollars "Not only do we have great fun."

shopping, but we have family friendly dining, leading arts district, and a vast range of hotel accommodations, professional sports and entertainment districts for everyone that will make back-to-school shopping a weekend of family

Stock Investments Declining Among Blacks

For nearly a decade, Ariel Capital Management and Charles Schwab Corp. have studied the investing habits of blacks who earn more than \$50,000 a year.

The results of this year's survey concerned both companies.

It found that many blacks are counting on getting a pension to live on in retirement. Or they expect to live off the equity in their home or income from investment properties. Some hope to start a small business, which will then help finance their retirement.

Increasingly missing from

resources and diversity programs for Schwab.

The percentage of higherincome blacks with stock investments is trending downward from a high of 74 percent in 2002 to 64 percent this year. The number of higher-income whites with stock investments stands at 83 percent, virtually unchanged since the first year of the jointly sponsored survey in 1998.

Ariel and Schwab have a vested interest in pushing the merits of stock market investing. But that doesn't mean they aren't on to something.

None of us can afford to count on just one type of retirement

whites. Blacks also contribute less to their retirement accounts monthly (the median monthly contribution is \$254 for black employees compared with \$306 for whites).

Some blacks may have less saved because they are counting on getting a pension, the survey found.

In the latest investor survey, two-thirds of employed blacks -compared with about half of employed whites -- work for organizations with a traditional pension plan. Far more blacks than whites surveyed (44 percent versus 25 percent) have a job in government, which is

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Among families with an

employment-based plan, those

look at the corporate world.

with only a traditional pension plan decreased from 40 percent in 1992 to 24 percent in 2004, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

"All across America corporate pension funds are being frozen and many government pension systems are underfunded." points out Mellody Hobson, president of Ariel, a blackowned Chicago-based institutional money management firm and mutual fund company. "It's a national crisis that will hit blacks especially hard because we've all bought into the promise."

The investor survey also



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their retirement plans are investments in stocks or bonds.

focused on real estate and have their white counterparts," said

Finalists Announced Page 1

pot - be it a pension, real estate more likely to offer pensions. or the prospect of running a "Black investors have profitable small business.

Blacks have far less money pension plan won't be changed not incorporated the stock saved in retirement accounts market to the same degree as than whites. The median amount saved is \$59,000 for Lisa Toppin, director of human blacks versus \$93,000 for

County, Colorado

Consultant, Emergency Preparedness, Palm Coast, Florida

 Patrick McMacken, Management Emergency Coordinator, City of Irving · Jamie Moore, Director, Emergency of Office Douglas Management,

· Shane Stovall, Project Manager, General Physics Corporation, New Port Richey, Florida · Dan Summers, Director, Collier County Bureau of Emergency Services, Naples, Florida

be brought to Plano to be interviewed by an assessment panel on September 1, 2006. The finalists for Director of Homeland Security will be interviewed by an assessment panel on August 18, 2006.

The Fire Chief is expected to be at work in Plano by The Fire Chief finalists will November 1, 2006. The

found that three times the number of blacks versus whites (29 percent versus 10 percent) say they plan to start a business after they retire.

"People think a business is their brass ring so they don't need to save," Hobson said.

Director of Homeland Security is expected to be at work in Plano by October 1, 2006.

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Entertainment by Nationally Renowned DJ BMW

Testers Posing As Katrina Survivors Encounter 'Linguistic Profiling'

By: Lorinda M. Bullock -NNPA National Correspondent As the one-year anniversary Hurricane Katrina of approaches August 29, displaced Americans from Louisiana and the Gulf Coast have been slowly rebuilding their lives and looking for a place to call home.

While Katrina's Black victims shop the housing market, calling realtors and potential landlords, one thing may be standing between them and their new homes even before an appointment is made or paperwork filled out-their voice.

It's called linguistic profiling.

A study of five states done by the National Fair Housing Alliance and linguistics expert John Baugh revealed in 66 percent of phone tests administered by White and Black testers inquiring about housing as Katrina survivors, "White

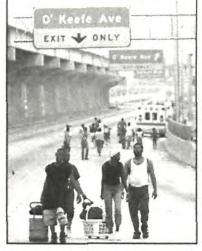
American callers," the report said.

"Yes, people do use the telephone as a screening device in many, many businesses," Baugh said.

Shanna Smith, president and CEO of the Washington-based NFHA, said the organization's report on "Housing Discrimination Against Hurricane Katrina Survivors" showed repeated bias in a number of areas, including Black testers not getting return phone calls, and being quoted higher rent prices and security deposits.

"In Birmingham, a White tester was told that a \$150 security deposit and \$25 per adult application fee would be waived for her as a Hurricane Katrina victim. She was also told she needed to make 2.5 times the rent to qualify for the apartment.

callers were favored over African- The African-American tester was told that she would have to pay



\$150 for the security deposit and a \$25 application fee for each applicant. The African-American hurricane survivor was also told that she would have to make three times the rent to qualify for the apartment," the report stated. The testing took place in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas, and showed instances of White testers being offered free televisions and partially refunded security deposits. But those offers were not extended to Black testers, who were often saddled with additional administrative fees that were non-refundable.

Baugh, an African-American man, started studying the practice of linguistic profiling after his own personal experience when he was looking for an apartment in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"I was calling various landlords to go look at apartments and in about two or three cases, I got there and they told me there had been some mistake and the apartments had already been rented. And it just didn't seem right to me and I speculated that they didn't realize I was African-American when they made the

they saw me in person they came up with some excuse. They didn't say, 'No, we don't rent to Black people' but they came up with some 'unquote' legitimate excuse," Baugh said.

He found the questions from the landlords varied, depending on the voice they heard, but Baugh, who flawlessly uses three different voices-a "Latino rendition, modified African-American rendition and standard English"-always kept the opening line the same, "Hello, I'm calling about the apartment you have advertised in the paper," he would say.

"It's exactly the same phrase. The only thing I've done there is modify the intonation. So it isn't like I used the word ain't or be or anything. Even if you use a certain kind of intonation, it is possible that somebody might dis-

appointment with me. But once criminate against you just based on the sound of your voice over the telephone," Baugh said.

> While Baugh says Black and Hispanic people in the U.S. are discriminated against heavily because of their voice, he also makes it very clear that linguistic profiling is not even limited to just those groups.

"People should not feel they need to mask their linguistic background," he said. "The United States should be the most linguistically tolerant nation on the face of the earth because our citizens come from everywhere. And because of the fact that all of our ancestors had to go through a transition where English was not their mother tongue... You should be free to speak in whatever way is comfortable for you and your fellow citizens don't misjudge vou."

Urban League Page 1

fashioned obstructionists. And they stood up at the last minute and sought to hijack the Voting Rights Act with 40-year old worn out arguments."

He added, "But the story that I think is more important to tell tonight is the way this broad coalition came together, the business roundtable, and the AFL-CIO, the NAACP, the Urban League; conservatives, liberals, moderate Democrats and Republicans. When you get 98 votes in the U.S. Senate, you've got some kind of coalition for civil rights in America."

He hopes that coalition can be mobilized to increase the minimum wage, which has not been raised from \$5.15 in 10 years.

"We have to send a message to people that work is valued," Morial explained. "If we want them to value work, work must compensate them in a fashion where they can afford to, at least, pay some bills."

Moving beyond the minimum wage issue, Morial pledged to launch a national effort aimed at ending poverty and building wealth.

"We are going to bring our message of jobs and housing, business development and financial literary to communities across the nation; hold Town Hall meetings, have workshops, highlight the very important work the Urban League affiliates," Morial said.

Looking to the next presidential election, Morial says he is inviting all presidential candidates to appear before delegates at next year's national convention in St. Louis.

"By asking early, we will not tolerate any excuses of scheduling conflicts," Morial said. "So let the word go forth."

More important than the invitation, Morial said, is that the National Urban League will make a radical departure from how it interacted with political candidates in the past.

"We are going to work to change the conversation with those that are going to lead the country in this fashion," he stat-

ed. "Our Policy Institute is now in the process of developing the opportunity compact agenda...We want to develop concrete public policy proposals operationalize that with specifics our thoughts about how to close the economic divide in America.

He also hopes that African-Americans will respond to another call.

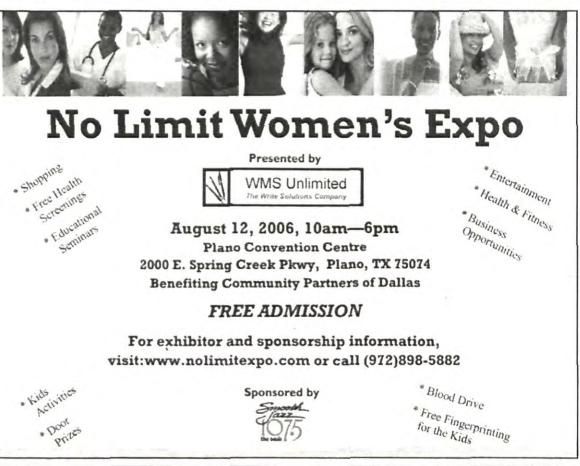
"Recently in New York, there was a man charged with a hate crime. He committed an act of violence while uttering an ugly racial epithet. His defense was that this racial epithet, the 'n' word, had now become so mainstream, so common in its usage that it was no longer a derogatory term."

· But Morial strongly disagrees. "Now, I want you to join me in a personal and collective pledge. We've got to remove the 'n' word from our private conversations," he said. "It is ugly and it is despicable. And if we don't want it to appear in music, then people who make

homes. They can't hear it in the neighborhoods. We've got to

music can't hear it in their remove this word from our vocabulary because it's not acceptable. And we can't expect

others not to use it if we pretend somehow it is a term of endearment. It isn't."



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India.Arie Says Positive Outlook **Took Years Of Soul Searching**

By: Nekesa Mumbi Moody When India.Arie broke up with what she thought would be her lifetime love, she was sad, angry, confused and hurt _ and spent the next four years unleashing her emotions through her songs.

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But those who pick up her latest album, "Testimony, Vol. 1: Life & Relationship," won't hear any of the bitterness she once harbored. Instead, in what has become India.Arie's philosophy, she manages to find the positive, even in a devastating split. Instead of songs about a no-good man or falling into despair, India sings about the power of forgiveness, the appreciation of a past relationship and even learning to love being alone.

"If you don't learn your lessons, then you are only hurting yourself," says the 30-year-old singer, sporting a newly shorn haircut.

"For the sake of being a better person, I took that relationship and relationships in general and just looked at it from every angle for three years, and wrote a whole bunch of songs about it," she says. "I think when people write those songs that are really bitter and people are bitter, it's

because they're dealing with the surface."

India's ability to dig deep paid off big commercially __ it earned the Grammy winner her first No. 1 album debut last week, with sales of more than 160,000. In addition, 'Testimony," her third album, has garnered mainly positive reviews.



"I keep trying to explain to people, it's not about being unscathed. I'm not unscathed. That's the dumbest thing I ever heard. Obviously I've been heartbroken. We all know what that feels like," she says. "But the thing about it is that I chose to take the time to dive really deep to understand the lesson instead of sitting on the surface and blaming. I don't want to be bitter. I want to learn how to love better and better and better." really fun anymore."

Understanding life's lessons has been a focal point of India's music ever since her debut album,

'Acoustic Soul," in 2001. It earned her seven Grammy nominations and eventually went double platinum, while the second album, "Voyage to India," went gold and earned her two Grammys.

India's success has been a gradual one. Songs like "Video" and her latest single, "I Am Not My Hair," have garnered some radio play, but she's definitely not the kind of artist who gets heavy attention from mainstream outlets which is fine by her.

"It's cool to hear my songs on the radio," she says. "But for me, that's just a way to get more people to have the option of choosing my music."

"I want my music to be a contribution and I want the people who love me on Earth and in heaven to be proud of who I am, and I want to be proud of myself, and I don't want to look back and say, 'Oh God, why did I say that?" she says. "I want to always be classy and honest and I always want to have fun with music, and if I can't really express who I am through my music, then it's not

Steve Harvey To Host Bermuda Music Fest

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Damon Dash Teams With Robert Deniro's Tribeca Films

Mogul Damon Dash has an intensive 17-day manhunt. teamed with Tribeca Productions partners Robert sive shoot-out with police, DeNiro and Jane Rosenthal to wounding nine officers before produce a drama based on the surrendering. life of convicted murderer, Larry Davis.

Davis became infamous in der for firing on the officers, but 1986 at the age of 19, when the was convicted of possession of NYPD launched one of the an illegal weapon and sentenced largest manhunts in the history to 5-15 years in prison. In 1991, of New York state. Davis was he was convicted for murdering accused of murdering at least six a Bronx drug dealer. drug-dealers and led police on Davis becomes eligible for

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In 1987, Davis was acquitted on all counts of attempted mur-



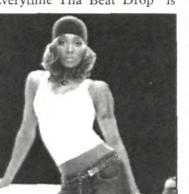
parole in 2016. According to representatives for Dash, the studio and producers are finalizing a deal with a writer.

Monica To Release New Album This Fall

"The Making of Me." The disc, which will be out Sept. 19, is the first record from the R&B singer since 2003's "After the Storm." Producers and artists who collaborated with Monica include Dem Franchize Boyz, Missy Elliott and Jermaine Dupri.

According to J Records, the album will delve into some of the 25-year-old singer's more painful moments, including the suicide of an ex-boyfriend. But the album also includes some

Monica is getting autobio- upbeat jams - the dance track graphical on her new album, "Everytime Tha Beat Drop" is



the first single. "'Beat Drop,' for me, is a real

good representation of where I'm from," Monica, an Atlanta resident, said in a recent statement. "We all just want to dance and have fun. This is what I live. What I dance to. What I listen to when I'm in my car. So I thought, 'Why wouldn't I sing over it?"

Monica, who made her singing debut when she was just a teen, is best known for the hits "Angel of Mine," "Don't Take It Personal" and "The Boy Is Mine."

Stevie Wonder, 2 Others Win Freedom Awards

founded Doctors Without Borders, civil rights leader Joseph Lowery and entertainer Stevie Wonder were named Tuesday as recipients of the National Civil Rights Museum's 2006 Freedom Awards.

The annual awards will be King of the Southern Christian given out by the museum at a banquet Oct. 17.

Bernard Kouchner, a former minister of health for France, will museum's receive the International Freedom Award,

The French physician who the museum announced. He founded the nonprofit Doctors Without Borders, which sends volunteer medical personnel to underdeveloped countries and other trouble spots around the world.

> Lowery, a co-founder with Leadership Conference and cofounder of the Black Leadership Forum, will receive the museum's National Freedom Award.

Wonder, a Grammy Award winner and driving force behind



the 1985 USA for Africa campaign, will receive the museum's Lifetime Achievement Award.





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At the 11AM event at the Museum, McClain, who will be bringing his seven-year-old Thoroughbred named Jonah, will perform fancy rope tricks for those in attendance, too. The ropes he will be using during the event will also be donated to the Museum. During the party, kids will witness Jonah receiving a new set of horseshoes. The old set will be donated to the Museum for display. Some of the little buckaroos will even get the chance to test their cowboy roping skills and get an autograph from the circus star.

McClain, who is third generation African-American cowboy and rodeo star, grew up on a ranch and competed in his first rodeo event at age seven. His father, who was a rancher and sometimes rodeo competitor himself, founded the Bill Pickett Rodeo in 1984 after observing that there were few African-Americans competing on the circuit at the time. He landed his circus job as host of the 133rd Ring Edition's Three Adventure®, appropriately set to a country-and-western theme,

and parlayed his animal training experience in assisting in the training of the Show's exotic Zedonks.

During the circus performance later in the evening, Jim Austin, one of the founders of the National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame, will be honored as Guest Ringmaster by Andre McClain.

The evening's 7:30 PM performance at Fort Worth Convention Center is also slated as 'National Cowboys of Color Museum Benefit Performance,' where a portion of proceeds go back to the Museum. For the Museum to receive a \$3.00 donation per ticket purchased, it is important for circus-goers to code use the coupon 'NCOCM.' Tickets are available at www.ringling.com or www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the arena's box office. Prices are \$12.00, \$17.00 and \$27.00. Call for Circus Celebrity, Front Row and VIP seating details.

For more information on the August 10th meet-and-greet with Andre McClain at the Museum or the evening's benefit performance, call the Museum at 817/922-9999 or visit www.cowboysofcolor.org.



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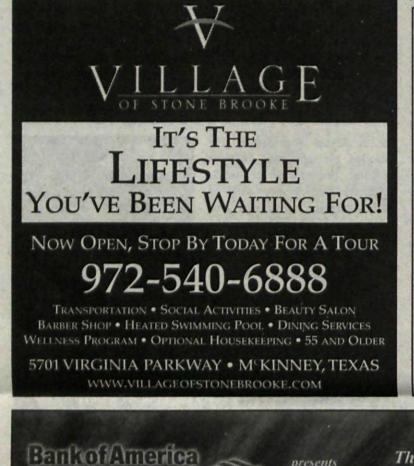
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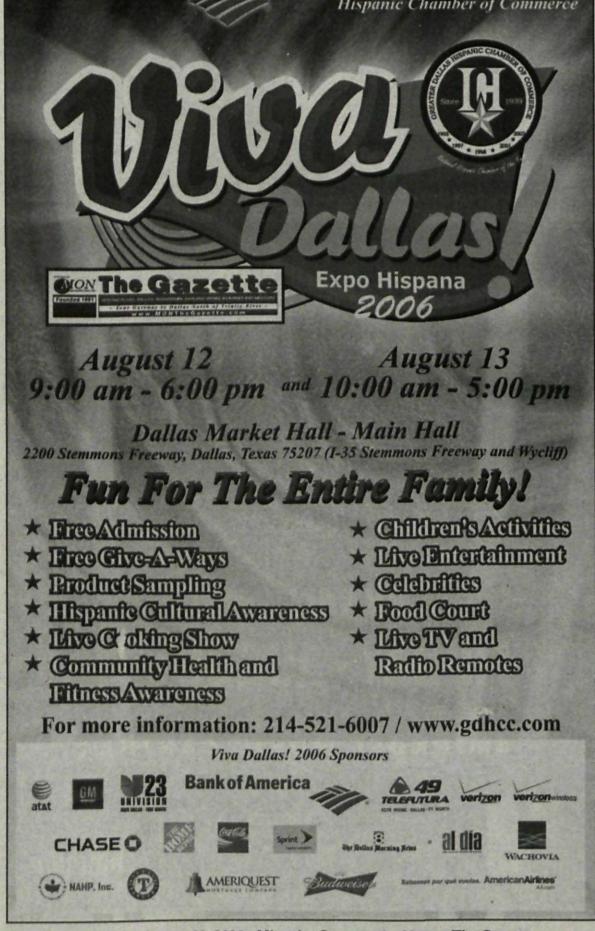


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From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder/Pastor: What God gives by promise, we must take by faith. (John 5:24) Take a tip from nature: man's ears are not made to shut, his mouth is. (James 1:19) You may have good grounds for praying, but you must first be on praying ground. (Psalm 66:18) Returning good for good is commendable, returning good for evil is Christ-like. (Matthew 5:44) The best way to kill time is to work it to death serving the Lord. (Ephesians 5:15-16)

The Christian life is a battleground, not a playground. (Philippians 3:13-14) Only the bread of life can satisfy man's spiritual hunger. (Matthew 6:11; Isaiah 55:2) The dreadful wages of sin are never changed; but by receiving Christ you can avoid "payday." (Romans 6:23; John 1:12) God may lead you AROUND, but He will always lead you ALRIGHT. (Job 23:10) Be like a kettle; up to your neck in hot water, but still able to sing. (Acts 16:24) Keep your light shining; God will put it where it will be seen. (Matthew 5:14; 16) Happiness depends on happenings, but "joy" depends on Jesus. (2 Corinthians 11:21-30)

Gossip is like soft soap-mostly lye! (Leviticus 19:16) Safety does not consist in the absence of danger, but in the presence of God. (Psalm 57:1) A hypocrite is a person who is not himself on Sunday. (2 Kings 17:33) The feeblest

National Night Out Page 1

An easy first step in helping the Plano Police to shut down crime is to simply keep your garage door closed at all times, even when outside. A burglar can quickly leap from a car, grab everything from power tools to lawn equipment to golf clubs and speed off from

Scriptures For August 2006 door! (Mark 5:28) We can always live on less, when we have more to live for. (James 4:14; John 10:10) If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain (Luke 10:33-34; Psalm 124:8) We do our best kneeling when we are in good standing with God. (Psalm



Picture of The Week The lovely and gracious Mrs. Annie Pearl Foster, wife of the late Dr. J. L. Foster; and mother to Pastors Gregg & Tony, First Baptist Church of

Hamilton Park, helping to celebrate their 25th Anniversary in the Ministry at the elegant Charles W. Eisemann Center in Richardson, TX

Paying your vows with praise will delight the Lord and double your blessings. (Psalm 22:25) The way to face trials is to begin praying, continue watching, and end in praising. (1 Peter 4:12-13) The greatest thief is one who will rob you of the truth! (John 14:6; 8:32) A little with the Lord is better than much with this world's goods without Him. (Proverbs 10:22; 1 Timothy 6:6-8)

knock of faith will open Heaven's Trusting in God today takes the anxieties out of tomorrow! (Nahum 1:7) There is an answer in God's Word for every circumstance in your life today. (Psalm 121:1-2) Faith and power come by hearing and obeying the Word of God. (Romans 10:17)

> Remember! The pleasures of sin are for a season, but the wages are for eternity! (Nahum 1:7) The greatest thing we can do for a loved one is to influence them for Christ. (John 1:41 & 42) Praising the Lord in adversity will change burdens into blessings. (Acts 16:25; Hebrews 13:5) The fragrance of faithful praise should rise from the blossom of answered prayer. (Psalm 28:6) You can't put your sins behind you until you are willing to face them. (Luke 13:3)

> Things to Ponder: An attitude is more important than facts; it is the mind's paint brush, it can color a situation gloomy or gray; or cheerful and happy. Real wisdom is looking at the world from God's point of view. Your faith must be a firsthand discovery - not a second-hand story. To believe only in possibilities is not faith, but mere philosophy. If anything can be done-experience and skill can do it. If a thing cannot be done-only faith can do it. Faith is fear that has said its prayers. Faith is not contrary to reason, but rather reason that has grown courageous.

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Church Happenings

GREATER ALLEN TEMPLE AME CHURCH August 13, 3 pm

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our 117th Church Anniversary. The Rt. Rev. Gregory G.M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate of the 10th Episcopal District of the AME Church will be our speaker. For more information, please call the church @ 972-790-0432.

Greater Allen Temple AME Church Rev. Michael W. Waters, Senior Pastor 3550 Gilbert Circle Grand Prairie, TX 75050 972-790-0432

ST. LUKE "COMMUNITY" UNITED METHODIST CHURCH August 9 - 13, 6 pm

All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited to an end of summer Block Party with food, music, fun, and prizes to kick off the Annual Youth Revival. Workshops include Prayer 101; Dating 101; Hip Hop 101; and Worship 101 - designed to help youth learn the importance of Trusting His Unfailing Grace - T.H.U.G. 101 Guests include Rev. Otis Moss III, Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL, cited by Newsweek as "One of God's Foot Soldiers" committed to transforming the lives of youth.

For more information and cost (which includes a revival T-shirt, all meals and materials, call Katrina Martin @ 469-235-2261

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ST. PAUL UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH** IN DOWNTOWN DALLAS ARTS DISTRICT August 2006 Please join us for our month of activities in celebration of our 133rd

Anniversary in the Arts District of Downtown Dallas. We will be "Practicing The Spiritual Disciplines" for the month and our theme is "Celebrating Our Oneness: One Family, One God, One Great Joy." We will Fast and Pray each Wednesday; and we will have Bible

Study each Thursday. August 5th: The St. Paul Family, past and present, will commemorate 133 years of ministry by gathering at Lakeview Camp and Conference Center, 5128 FM66, Waxahachie, TX 75167 There will be food, entertainment, exercise, swimming, crafts, games and more to enjoy. August 6th: Don't miss our "Bring a Friend Sunday" to receive an added special blessing. August 13th: The public is invited to our "Children & Youth Sunday" this is when the children and youth lead worship. August 20th: "Memorial Sunday" is when we remember members who have gone home to Glory, since the last Anniversary. August 27th: "Celebration Sunday" will culminate this historic celebration featuring the Henry Thompson Male Chorus and a delicious Soul Food dinner served from 1-3 pm in the I. B. Loud Fellowship Hall; and (a) 4 pm our guest speaker will be Rev. Harold Dangerfield, Senior Pastor of Hamilton Park UMC, with his choir and church family. Reception will follow.

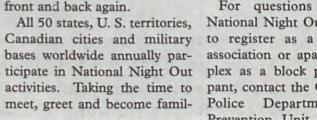
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St. Paul UMC, Downtown Dallas Rev. Elzie Odom, Jr., Senior Pastor 1816 Routh Street Dallas, TX 75201 214-922-0000

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH IN LEWISVILLE August 13, 5 pm

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August 31 - September 2, 7:30 pm The public is invited to a "Youth Extravaganza 2006" at the Greater Fellowship Church, 825 Murdock Road, Dallas, TX 75217; Rev. George Dawson, Senior Pastor. Guest speakers include Minister Karen Tolbert from New York City, NY; Minister Rudolph Urquheart, Now Ministries in Lewisville, TX, and Pastor Debra Jackson from FOBCC. Our theme: "The Next Generation Summoned by God," 1 Peter 2:9.

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Connecting Our Faiths: How Muhammad Is Recognized In Judaism, Christianity & Islam

interfaith program series continues its intriguing course as it examines "How Muhammad is Recognized in Judaism, Christianity & Islam," Thursday, August 17, 2006, 7 p.m., at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 650 S. Griffin Street at the corner of Akard and Canton, Dallas.

Muslims believe Prophet Muhammad received revelation from God. But do Jews and Christians agree? Come and find out what these religions do agree on as a rabbi, minister and imam explore how effective Muhammad's message was then and its effectiveness today. The program is free and open to the public.

In these days of terrorist acts, people of faith are looking for answers to many questions. Muhammad, what kind of man was he? If he was a man of God, what did he

he recognized in Judaism, Christianity and Islam? In his teachings, did he teach his followers to hate Jews and push them into the sea? Did he teach



Masjid Warith D. Mohammed

his followers to hate Christians and call them infidels? Did he teach Muslims to abuse women? Did he teach young men to blow themselves up in suicide bombings? Did he teach them to kill innocent men, women and children and put them in harm's way? If ing in the media today. But can

would he be pleased with the actions and hatred of some of those who call themselves his followers? Did Muhammad practice hatred himself or would he treat people differently? Would he be pleased with one of his followers going into a synagogue, church or mosque and killing people? We will find this out as the rabbi, minister, imam connect their faiths. Will the three let the hatred of extremists destroy the love that God has given them in their faith?

"Muhammad loved Jews and Christians and called them his brothers and sisters in faith. They lived together in peace in Medina but millions of people do not know this," says Marzug Jaami, coordinator of Connecting Our Faiths. "Muhammad loved humanity and his teachings are vastly different than how you see some Muslims actple trust Muslims and feel safe around them? Come and find out."

Speakers are Imam Muhammad Shakoor, Masjid



Rev. Dr. George Mason

Warith D. Mohammed, who is hosting the program, Rev. Dr. George Mason of Wilshire Baptist Church and Rabbi William Gershon of Congregation Shearith Israel, all of Dallas.

Prophet Muhammad (Peace be George Mason.

The Connecting Our Faiths teach his followers and how is Muhammad was here today people believe that and can peo- upon him), can only be told by God through His Book (Scripture)", said Imam Muhammad Shakoor. "We are very pleased to share with the public, the true image of a man of deep faith in God - Prophet Muhammad the family man, the religious leader and teacher, the statesman, business man, a man of honor and trust. He Rabbi William Gershon said. shows us how to make the connection with others of a different faith by his example in obeying God's word and following his leadership."

> "We worship one and the same God, understood differently. Rather than claiming the truth of our views of God as privileged by our tradition, we do well to witness to and listen to one another for greater clarity. Moses, Jesus and Muhammad are the three key figures in our various views of who God is and what God "To tell the truth about expects from us," said Rev. Dr.

"In order to foster understanding and mutual respect amongst the three major faiths, it is important to learn from one another. Sharing our ideas, theology and religious perspectives will open minds and hearts, bringing all of us that much closer together in the family of humanity,"

The Connecting Our Faiths educational program series, which has also explored Moses and Jesus, will be ongoing and take place in numerous houses of worship of all faiths from Jewish synagogues in north Dallas to African American churches in southern Dallas. In addition to exploring Moses, Jesus and Muhammad, other religious figures, their messages and issues will be addressed in future programs. Some programs will be designed to explore commonalities with other faiths as well.

A month of activities will be held in August during the 133rd Anniversary of St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1816 Routh Street, located in the Arts District of downtown Dallas. The theme for the celebration is, "Celebrating our Oneness: One Family, One God, One Great Joy." The public is invited to attend.

St. Paul UMC is one of the oldest African American churches in the Dallas metroplex. It was established by freed African American slaves with determination and commitment to bring the Word of God alive, following the official

St. Paul United Methodist Church Celebrates 133rd Anniversary announcement of the end of slavery in the United States. For 133 years, St. Paul, has served as a beacon of faith and hope in the community and the Methodist connection. The spirit of this great church continues to persevere in today's diverse society with dynamic worship and praise; relevant ministries; and many opportunities for service and wit-

During the month of August, St. Paul will be "Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines." There will be prayer meetings and fasting on Wednesdays: Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and bible study on Thursdays, Aug. 3,

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10, 17 and 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The lessons will include prayer on Aug. 3, fasting on Aug. 10, bible study on Aug. 17 and tithing on Aug. 24.

On Aug. 5, the St. Paul family, both past and present, will commemorate 133 years of ministry by gathering at Lakeview Camp and Conference Center-5128 FM66, Waxahachie, TX 75167, to celebrate a legacy of faith and family togetherness. There will

be food, entertainment, exercise, swimming, crafts, games and so much more to enjoy!

Then after this day of fun, the church family will bring family and friends to St. Paul on Sunday, August 6 (10:45 a.m.) for "Bring a Friend Sunday" to receive an added special blessing. Other special activities include "Children and Youth Sunday" on Aug. 13, when the children and youth lead worship, "Memorial

Sunday" on Aug. 20 to remem-

"gone home to glory" since the anniversary last and "Celebration Sunday" on Aug. 27, to culminate this historic celebration. Activities for this special day include, the 10:45 a.m. worship service featuring the Henry Thompson Male Chorus and a delicious soul food dinner served from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the I.B. Loud Fellowship

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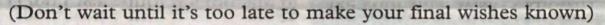
In addition, the climax will be an afternoon Anniversary Worship Service at 4:00 p.m. The guest preacher will be Rev. Harold Dangerfield, Senior Pastor of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, accompanied by the choirs and church family. An anniversary reception will follow.

Rev. Elzie Odom, Jr. is the senior pastor.

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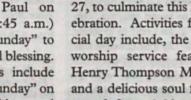
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