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**People In The News**

**Teen super model** Gerren Taylor will be in Dallas for the premiere of the film *American the Beautiful* as part of the AFI Dallas International Film Festival. The film will be shown Monday, March 26 at 7:15 p.m. and again on Wednesday, March 28 at 10 p.m. at the Landmark Magnolia Theater in the West Village of Dallas.

The film tells the story of Gerren and her mother's struggle with the fashion industry and how it affected their lives. Gerren will be in town with her mother for the screenings, a fashion show and a party after the first screening.

The 17-year-old modeling prodigy Gerren Taylor started modeling at the age of 12 is now been referred to in some circles already as the "New Naomi Campbell".

The first annual AFI Dallas International Film Festival is presented by Target, with founding sponsor Victory Park. The festival will feature more than 190 features, documentaries, shorts, panels, parties, and special events from March 22 to April 1, 2007. For more info visit [www.afidallas.com](http://www.afidallas.com).

**Erna Vaughn**, Center Manager of the Urban League Community Service Center at Irving received the City of Irving IPAR Super Star Award from the City of Irving Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Parks & Recreation Department at their Annual Awards Presentation.

Vaughn, through the Urban League, has worked with the West Park Recreation Center on numerous events that benefit the citizens of Irving community including a citywide job fair. She also works each year to ensure that West Park community children have ample supplies to start school at the annual Back to School Fair. Last year over 250 children benefited from her efforts and dedication.

The Super Star award is presented to individuals and volunteers who have made a significant ongoing contribution during the past year.

Vaughn has been Center Manager of the Urban League's Irving Center since it opened over four years ago. The Center, a Community Action Agency, offers emergency assistance which provides funds for delinquent utilities, rent and mortgages; health services; computer classes; employment services; GED preparation classes; senior services; and income tax assistance.

**Wilford "Crazy Ray" Jones**, the boisterous Dallas Cowboys fan who energized crowds for decades with his cowboy getup and sideline cheerleading, died Saturday. He was 76.

Jones died at his home, said Tracy Moberly, a friend of the family. Diabetes and cardiovascular disease were listed as the causes of death, according to the Dallas County medical examiner's office.

Known as the Cowboys' unofficial mascot, Jones entertained fans with sideline antics and magic tricks while wearing his signature chaps, six-shooter and blue vest.

Though he was not paid by the Cowboys, he was given a special parking space at Texas Stadium and granted all-access at home games.

"He touched thousands of lives and generations of football fans," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said on the team's Web site. "It will remain an important part of this team's heritage and family for as long as fans go to Cowboys games and feel his spirit."

Crazy Ray Jones, who had a leg amputated in 1997, had battled ailing health in recent years, including five heart bypasses and a stroke. Friends had set up a Web site - [www.seecrazy.com](http://www.seecrazy.com) - seeking donations to help the family pay for medical and utility bills.

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**Obama Draws 10,000 To Oakland Rally**



**AP** Illinois Sen. Barack Obama attracted a crowd of 10,000 or more to downtown Oakland Saturday in his first Bay Area rally.

Having glided to the top tier of Democratic candidates on a message of hope, Obama told the crowd his campaign "is a vehicle for your hopes; it is a vehicle for your dreams."

But he also used the appearance to contrast himself with his chief rival for the Democratic nomination, Hillary Clinton. Without naming her, Obama made an issue of Clinton's much criticized 2002 vote to authorize the war in Iraq, for which she has refused to apologize.

"I am proud of the fact that I opposed this war from the start," Obama said to huge cheers in this most anti-war of cities. "That I stood up in 2002 and said this is a bad idea. This is going to cost of billions of dollars and thousands of lives."

Obama said it was time to leave Iraq and to tell the Iraqis, "We want to be your partners, but we can't continue this occupation."

Obama is also challenging Clinton for support in the black community and his appearance in Oakland, a center of black life in Northern California, was part of that strategy.

"So many black people are out here," said Chris Nishioka, 61, a black woman who is married to a Japanese man. "Black people

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**Texas Publishers Celebrate The Power Of The Black Press With 21st Annual Convention And Expo**

**By: Paul Hailey**  
"The power of the press is second only to that of the people." - Alex de Toqueville

The power of the press in our society is undeniable. In its finest moments, the press has been used to inform, educate and create social change. When it comes to the black press, the purpose and power have been magnified in bringing about social justice and equality for African-Americans. On Friday and Saturday, members of the Texas Publishers Association (TPA) will hold their 21st Annual Convention Conference and Expo in celebration of the accomplishments and future of the black press in Texas.

The 2007 convention theme is "The Texas Black Press: Challenging the Past, Creating the Future". The annual Convention will take place on March 23 and 24, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central Expressway South, Allen, Texas 75013.

"The Texas Black Press has always been an important part of the black cultural communications process, both locally and nationally," said Ms. Hattie Kelly, Power Pages Publisher and this year's TPA Conference Chairperson.

"The printed word, amidst all the broadcast innovations, has a place in the communications process that can't be replaced, replicated, or substituted."

The year's TPA Convention Conference Co-Chair is Ms. Maxine Sessions, Co-publisher, Cherokee County/Texas Informer. Ms. Sessions also

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**Dedicated City Of Plano Volunteers To Be Honored At Mar. 28 Event**

Dedicated volunteers make year-round contributions to the City of Plano; and they will be honored at the annual Volunteers In Plano (VIP) Recognition Event on Wednesday, Mar. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Courtyard Theater, 1509 Ave H. During this special evening, the City leadership will say "thank you" and will encourage volunteers to remain motivated and committed to city service.

In this year alone, more than 5,000 volunteers contributed 77,673 hours, valued at \$1,218,316 to the City of Plano through their gift of volunteer service. "Volunteers are an integral part of what has made the City of Plano a highly-valued organization," explains Robin Popik, Volunteer Resources Supervisor.

Mayor Evans and City officials will highlight the important role volunteers play in the community. More than 200 volunteers and guest from libraries, parks and recreation, animal services, sustainability and environmental services, police, fire and other city departments are expected to attend. A tribute will also be made to those volunteers nominated for the Collin County Volunteer of the Year Award. Executive Director Rod Hogan will announce the coveted VIP Supervisor of the Year, recognizing the City staff members who work closely with these wonderful volunteers to make it an enjoyable and productive experience.

Popik added "This year's theme is 'Reflections.' We will have a Reflection Wall and are encouraging volunteers to bring stories to post or share



Plano Mayor Pat Evans

their reasons for volunteering on the spot." Guests will be entertained by nationally-recognized storyteller Elizabeth Ellis, who will share stories of adventure and excitement. Ellis is a versatile and riveting teller of Appalachian and Texas tales and stories of heroic Americans.

Dinner will be provided by On the Border (15th Street & U.S. 75) and The Shops at Legacy Starbucks (Legacy Drive & North Dallas Tollway). Volunteers will enjoy music and

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**Leadership Plano Announces 2007 Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient**

The Leadership Plano Executive Board is pleased to announce the 2007 Distinguished Leadership Award recipient is City Council Member Harry LaRosiliere. Leadership Plano will formally present the award at a public reception sponsored by Plano Profile/Wishbone Graphics, Inc., on Thursday, April 24, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Courtyard Theatre in Plano.



Plano City Council Member Harry LaRosiliere

The Distinguished Leadership Award (DLA) is presented annually to a Leadership Plano alumnus who has made significant and notable contributions to the betterment of the community. Mr. LaRosiliere joined Morgan Stanley in 2004 to form a Private Wealth Management Team, the Kravitz Group. Since Harry moved to Plano in 1994 he has taken on leadership roles in numerous community organizations including CASA of Collin County Advisory Board, Plano Metro Rotary Club, Plano Chamber of Commerce Board, Commissioner for the City of Plano Planning and Zoning, Leadership Plano Executive Board, Adjunct professor for SMU-in-Legacy and University of North Texas and a soccer and basketball coach

for Plano Sports Authority for his two daughters. Harry's commitment to Plano shows through the many leadership activities he has assumed.

In addition to the DLA presentation, the April 24th program will include information about the Leadership Plano curriculum, program requirements, selection criteria and the application process. Anyone interested in applying or learning more about the program is encouraged to attend. Each year up to 35 candidates representing a diverse cross-section of the public, private and non-profit sector are selected for the nine-month leadership development and community

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**Stephanie Ward Art Gallery Grand Reopening And Jazz Concert**



Stephanie Ward Gallery is reopening and is celebrating with a huge open house and jazz concert Saturday, March 31, 2-9 p.m. at its new home in historical downtown Plano at 920 18th St.

The opening is a fundraiser for the Summer Urban Artist Program. The gallery is giving 30% of all art sales during the grand opening to provide scholarships for underprivileged youth who show talent in visual arts.

The gallery opened last month, and is celebrating a combination 16 years of business and reopening, during a day filled with jazz, art and food. After the open house, the gallery will host national jazz saxophonist Joseph Vincelli from 7-9 p.m. for a concert on the gallery's front porch.

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## Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr. Post Office Dedication Reception

It was truly a "Special Evening" in admiration and respect for Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr., Senior Pastor at New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dallas (NMZ), in recognition of the United States Postal Building being renamed in his honor.

Family members, NMZ Deacons, Ministers, Lay members, Pastors of other churches and personal friends, gathered at the Fairmont Hotel, Downtown Dallas. The "Invitation Only" elegant affair featured Mr. Jess Hay, CEO of Lomas-Nettleton and a long-time personal friend of Dr. Price, as the "Special Guest Speaker". The event was Co-Hosted by The Honorable Congressman Pete Sessions

and The Honorable Gary Griffith, Dallas City Councilman.

Others speaking included: The Living Legend Mr. William Blair, Founder and Senior Publisher of the Elite News, and The Honorable Gary Griffith, Dallas Councilman. Ms. Nicole Barrett was the Mistress of Ceremony.

Dr. Price thanked all in attendance for being there and for their prayers. Among those he especially thanked: Mrs. Deloris Price, his spouse for over 50 years; Mr. Billy Heath, NMZ Deacon Chairman; Mr. James C. McQuirter, Sr., President of NMZ Credit Union, The Honorable Hollis Brashear, Brother-In-Law and Dallas School Board Member; Thomas Jefferson, Hamilton

Park Civic League President, Mr. Eugene H. Timmer, H. P. Civic League Parliamentarian, The Burrell Group, William Blair; Ms. Barrett and other members of his church.



Eugene H. Timmer, Executive Board of Hamilton Park Civic League & Parliamentarian; Honoree Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr.; Mrs. Deloris Price; and Thomas Jefferson, President of Hamilton Park Civic League.



Hamilton Park Civic League Members (Standing): Thomas Jefferson, President; Mary E. Jefferson; and Eugene Timmer, Parliamentarian; (front seated) Sadie Gee, Historian.



(L to R) Price's daughter, Patricia Hicks; Prairie View A&M classmate, Opal Johnson Smith; daughter, Lisa Rausaw; grandson Kelvin Rausaw, Jr. and in front Dr. Price's wife Deloris Price.



Jess Hay, Special Guest Speaker at the Reception; Mrs. Deloris Price, and Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr., Honoree.

## Project Transformation Offers Students Faith-Based Internships

Project Transformation is a faith-based summer program for young adults who have completed at least their freshman year of college and are seeking a summer of service internship in either Dallas, Texas or Sherman, Texas, which is located about one and a half hours north of Dallas. The program is designed to offer young adults a vehicle in which to grow in their faith journey while experiencing cultural and socio-economic diversity, living in a Christian-centered team environment, and explore various ministry opportunities.

During the summer program, Project Transformation interns work in teams of 6-9 team members, while serving in an eight-week summer day camp for 60 to 75 elementary children and youth. Sites are located in urban churches or at a local community center. Components of the program include: Bible lessons, arts and crafts, music, recreational activities, and other activities in which the gifts and talents of the interns can be shared with

the children. The dates for this service experience are May 26 thru August 10, 2007. This includes one week of pre-program training, eight weeks of either Dallas, Texas or Sherman, Texas, which is located about one and a half hours north of Dallas. The program is designed to offer young adults a vehicle in which to grow in their faith journey while experiencing cultural and socio-economic diversity, living in a Christian-centered team environment, and explore various ministry opportunities.

After the completed application has been submitted, the Project Transformation office will contact the applicant to set up an interview. Applicants should send their completed application form and three completed Letters of Recommendation forms to Project Transformation. A resume and cover letter are strongly recommended.

For more info on Project Transformation call 214-946-3651 or visit [www.projecttransformation.org](http://www.projecttransformation.org)

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### Ongoing

**The Allen Public Library** will feature films with all black casts or have African-American themes will be featured each Tuesday night during February. On February 6th and 20th, guests will be treated to extremely rare viewing of "Beulah" a television program from the 1950's. For more info call Tom Keener at 214-509-4911.

**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 Douglas Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

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

**Assistance League of Greater Collin County** meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit [www.assistance-league-gc.org](http://www.assistance-league-gc.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.

**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. For more info call S-Ankha Raza at 214-298-5858.

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

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

**The Yundras Show** taped live every Tuesday @ The Historical Rose Marine Theater, 1440 N. Main St. Fort Worth. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale online [www.TheYundrasShow.com](http://www.TheYundrasShow.com), \$877-840-0457. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

**March 22, 2007 African American Republican Club Monthly Meeting** Collin County Republican Headquarters at 2520 Avenue K, Ste 280. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. After the meet-

ing, a light meal and refreshments will be available. Featured speaker will be Honorable and Member Johnny Lewis Justice of the Peace who will talk on the subject Learning about the JP Court.

**10 Home Buying Secrets Everyone Ought To Know** Orientation to Home Ownership, 8435 N. Stemmons Fwy, HomeFree USA 6:30pm to 8pm [Jenaur@homefreeusa.org](mailto:Jenaur@homefreeusa.org) 214-905-4900

**March 23, 2007 The Isley Brothers** at 8:00 p.m. at The Nokia. To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

**Black Women Film Festival/Turning A Corner** Women in the Sex Trade, Kenya Where Women Rule South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Black Cinematheque 8 p.m., 214-426-1683

**Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show** at Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more info, call Earline Walters at 903-217-8081 or visit [www.heartoftexascraftshow.com](http://www.heartoftexascraftshow.com).

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**State of the Black Church Summit and Awards Banquet** scholar and author Dr. Renita Weems is keynote speaker for a discussion of "Liberating the Oppressed: The Black Church Facing American Crises" Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center, 2820 Stadium Drive, TCU campus in Fort Worth Brice Divinity School and TCU 11:30 am-2 pm \$15, lunch

included s.loyd-thomas@tcu.edu 817-257-7580

**March 24, 2007 Jazz Innovators:** From Bebop, to Hard Bop, to Cool, Film and discussion sessions, led by outstanding local jazz scholar, Dr. John Murphy of UNT,

Central Library's Fine Arts Division, 4th floor, 1515 Young Street Dallas Public Library & Music Library and the Division of Jazz Studies 2:30 pm FREE, 214-670-1671

**2007 Meatout Festival**, a free educational and health screening event featuring speakers, food sampling, and exhibits related to the vegetarian lifestyle, at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak Street, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more info, call 214-331-2812 or 972-578-0370 or visit [www.bvstx.org](http://www.bvstx.org).

**5 Men On A Stool Concert** at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. A blend of contemporary R & B, Jazz and Spoken Word held at the Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre.

**March 26, 2007 Town Hall Meeting** on AVID College Readiness Program The Plano ISD Board of Trustees will host a town hall meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26, at Williams High School, 1717 17th Street, Plano 75074. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto and his leadership team will present information about the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program, one of the district's initiatives related to college- and career-preparatory programs pre-k through grade 12.

**March 27, 2007 Garland NAACP Town Hall Meeting/Political Forum** the NAACP Garland branch will host

town hall meeting and political forum featuring candidates for mayor of Garland, Garland city council and Garland independent school district, 6:45 p.m., women's activity center, 713 Austin street / Glenbrook (downtown), Garland, Texas 75040. For more info contact Ricky McNeal at (972) 381-5044, EXT. 2.

**8 Dallas Cultural Center Jazz: The Listening Room** The Listening Room is the Center's latest program designed to support composing straight-ahead jazz musicians. Come listen to Jammin' house band bassist Jonathan Fisher and his combo play standards and original compositions. Join us in The Listening Room is every 4th Tuesday. South Side on Lamar 1409 S. Lamar St. Dallas 7 pm - 9:30 pm [vmeek@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us](mailto:vmeek@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us) 214-670-0315

**Retaining Your Workforce** for Future Growth from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more info, call the Plano Economic Development Board at 972-208-8300.

**"Meet Your Candidates"** Town Hall Meeting and Political Forum 6:50 p.m. at the Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin Street, Garland. For more info, call 972-381-5044.

**March 29, 2007 Plano Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott Dallas/Plano Legacy Town Center. Speaker: Gary Kelly, Vice Chairman and CEO, Southwest Airlines. For more info, call 972-424-7547.

**North Texas Jazz Festival** (March 29-31) Intercontinental Hotel, 15201 Dallas Parkway in Addison Town of Addison and the University of North Texas Department of Jazz Studies. Visit [www.addisontexas.net](http://www.addisontexas.net) for more info.

**Estate Planning Seminar** at

10:00am and 7:00pm. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway Spring Creek & Jupiter. Are you concerned about Probate and Estate Taxes? Free 90-minute program will be presented by Dallas Estate Planning Attorney, Richard P. Johnson who is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Admissions is FREE. For reservations call: Karen at (972) 497-1010 or email [Karen@RichardPJohnsonLaw.com](mailto:Karen@RichardPJohnsonLaw.com)

**March 30 A live DVD recording of The Truth Behind Hip Hop 4:** The Curse of the Culture Event is Free. The Full Gospel Holy Temple church located at 39727 West LBJ Freeway (near I-20 and Wheatland Road) in Dallas, Texas. For group seating and travel information, please call 817-764-3025 or email [info@exministries.com](mailto:info@exministries.com). Learn more about Elder G. Craigie Lewis and EX Ministries at [www.exministries.com](http://www.exministries.com).

**March for Respect-2007** Walk to increase awareness of people with developmental disabilities Dallas West End The Developmental Disabilities Network of North Texas begin @ 9am, swacasey@ardallas.org 214-634-9810, visit [www.marchforrespect.org](http://www.marchforrespect.org)

**March 31 Charisnee Carney-Nunes Booksigning** of the New York Times bestselling book, The Covenant with Black America at The Books-A-Million, 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway. For more information, call 972-539-0636.

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## It's Time To Take Time

kind of device. We are at the point where people who don't have the gadget of the month feel like they are missing something. And we wonder why our children suffer from attention deficit disorder.

Maybe it's just me getting older, but I find myself yearning for simpler times. I work too much, play too little, and wonder what ever happened to face-to-face conversation. I want to interact with real people without reading words on a monitor or cell phone screen. I want to have a conversation with my friends without them talking into a speaker phone while driving down the highway, putting on makeup, eating lunch while listening to music and writing out a grocery list. We have become multi-tasking monsters, whether it's at work or at home, doing a million things at once but not really doing any of them thoroughly.

Conversations where I have the other person's complete attention are becoming more and more rare in my life. I want to slow my life down to a point where I don't always feel like I'm on a deadline, like I have to go somewhere or be completing some personal or professional project. I want to "waste" some time by doing nothing for long stretches. I now have a full appreciation of the people of my grandmother's generation who sat on the front porch in rocking chairs talking, or shelling peas, or just rocking.

Late last year, I saw the movie

Rent. The movie was ok for a musical-I didn't see the play-but what blew me completely away was the opening song. The movie starts with all of the characters in a line singing a song called "Seasons of Love". The lyrics scream what I'm feeling as I write these words: "525,600 minutes, 525,000 moments so dear. 525,600 minutes how do you measure, measure a year? In daylight, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee. In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife. In 525,600 minutes-how do you measure a year in the life? How about love? Measure in love. Seasons of love."

My father died at 58 years old, and I bet if I could ask him what the one thing he wished he would have done more of during his time on earth he would not have given work as his answer. Life is short, and its moments are fleeting; we owe it to ourselves to stop running so hard and so fast to nowhere.

I vow today to take the time to enjoy the people in the next 525,600 minutes of my life, and I invite you to do the same. Because when it is all said and done, the love we give to others and the love we receive from others is what we will remember the most about our lives. I'm going to start taking time instead of letting time take me. What about you?

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## No, My Son Doesn't 'Act Black.' There's No Such Thing

By: Aleta Payne

Sam came home from the overnight visibly crushed. He curled around his hurt as though he'd been punched in the gut, and he refused to say what had happened. My husband and I fought panic as all the horrible things that might happen to a 14-year-old away from home pounded through our brains. We cajoled and interrogated as he tried to disappear into the living room sofa, until finally, enough of the story emerged to reassure us that our oldest son hadn't been physically injured. But his suffering was still real.

His friends had asked him why he didn't act black.

My husband and I were dumbfounded. We had been challenged ourselves with variations on this same question 30 years ago. But back then, we were being teased by our African American peers, many of whom were growing up in communities where they saw little opportunity for success or achievement and where frustration took root early. Sam's questioners were white suburban teenagers, living college-bound lives of comfort.

Poised to start high school, Sam is at the age where he wants nothing more than the acceptance of his peers. So this question staggered him. And while we learned the basics of the story then, the details have emerged - syllable by reluctant syllable - in the months since. That it had not happened that one time but had built over months. That it was always the same small group of boys who generally treated him as one of their buds. That he'd stopped being able to laugh it off as the question wore on him.

"People think I should be able to rap or something," he said. "Like they see in movies and crap." Strong words from our almost silent son. "They want me to act like something I'm not."

Sam is studious and quiet, much as his father and I were at his age. He inherited my light complexion and poor eyesight, his father's analytical mind and love of tennis. Apparently his wire-rimmed glasses and athletic leanings undermined any "street cred."

Though our North Carolina

town isn't especially diverse, and our three sons attend mostly white private schools in Raleigh, I don't know that it has ever occurred to Sam that he is sometimes the only child of color in a room. But he certainly felt isolated by the expectation that he should behave like some modern-day minstrel in bling instead of blackface.

I know Sam's friends. He has visited their homes, and we've had them in ours. I doubt that they had any idea how painful their misguided teasing could be. I suspect that if they thought others were treating Sam unfairly, they'd stand up for him. But they have listened to rap and watched music videos that paint a picture of African Americans as loud, rude, undereducated, oversexed. Where guys in grills and girls in short shorts grinding against one another appear to be the norm. The boys whose words hurt Sam are skateboarders and soccer players, not hip-hop wannabes. But they have still been inundated with what it is to be gangsta and they may be dangerously close to believing that that is what it means to be black. Or its inverse, what Sen. Barack Obama has called "the slander that a black youth with a book is acting white."

I thought, or at least hoped, that my children's generation had transcended that, even if their parents aren't there yet. Standing in a boutique hotel outside New York a few years ago, my husband was one of several men in dark suits waiting for a shuttle van when someone asked if he was the driver of the limousine they'd requested. The only thing setting him apart from every other man in that lobby was the color of his skin. Our sons, I hoped, would never deal with such prejudices.

I'd had a sense that there was still work to be done when I overheard some young people from our church freely using "ghetto" as their adjective of choice in a conversation. The word was unexpected and discordant, coming from this particular group at that particular time - we'd just driven down a patch of rural highway in my minivan to a corn maze. "Ghetto" could not have been farther from their reality. Their

use of it was as out of place as my mother volunteering her opinion of Snoopy Dog's latest CD.

Combating stereotypes, my husband and I have made certain choices for our three boys. Guns have been particularly unkind to the black community, so the closest they've ever come to one, even as a toy, is a Super Soaker. We strive for proper English, limit what music they download and which movies they watch. The boys know about the accomplishments of their ancestors - not just historical figures in a textbook, but a grandfather who emerged from poverty in strictly segregated Alabama to become a college president. The work of our ancestors is not finished, but I'd thought there was less to do.

Some parents, white and black, may not recognize the accumulated damage from what is being sold to our children. Perhaps they want to be the cool mom and dad or perhaps they just don't want another fight with their teenager. They may screen the movies their children leave the house to see, but they allow them to stay home with 50 Cent and his legendary bullet scars or the profanity-laced catfighting on "Flavor of Love."

The mature brain can understand what's intended as exaggerated entertainment. But young minds aren't yet hardened to decipher what's for real from what's for show. And perception can eventually harden into attitude. Pop culture creeps into our lives through every unguarded crevice. My own sons have surprised me with bits of lyrics or lines from movies that they've never heard or seen themselves but that they've heard repeated by others or seen as a teaser on television. Some of that is fine, or at least benign. But some of it leaves African Americans in danger of being enslaved by imagery as we were once enslaved by law.

And that's something I refuse to allow to happen to my sons.

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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most viable of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carrying a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you date to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north.

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## Democrats Must Demand More Education Spending

By: Judge Greg Mathis

5 years ago, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind law. This piece of legislation was intended to improve the public school system by increasing the penalties for schools that didn't meet academic standards. Schools were required to test students in math and reading and were held accountable for the results. If a student was struggling, he/she could receive free tutoring and, if the school continued to fall short of expectations, students are allowed to transfer schools. Schools that repeatedly fail were subject to harsh penalties, including closing.

Though controversial, the law was an attempt to provide America's public school children with a quality education. There was one huge flaw with the bill, however. Expectations for schools went up, but federal spending on public education didn't increase sufficiently. Without adequate funding, schools couldn't implement the strategies needed to improve their schools. They were doomed to fail and, in turn, so are our children. The No Child Left Behind Act is up for renewal. With the Democrats exerting their recently won power in the Congress, now is the time for progressive thinkers to fight for an increase in education spend-

ing.

School systems have, for years, routinely used standardized tests to gauge student progress. But, with the passage of No Child Left Behind, these tests went from being an assessment to, in many cases, being the deciding factor in whether or not a student will move on to the next level. For students in under-funded, i.e. poor, school districts, passing these tests is next to impossible. Classrooms are overcrowded, often with outdated text books. Many times, the teachers are not certified in the subject they are teaching. Add to that any personal issues they may be dealing with - poor test taking skills, trouble at home, etc. - and the odds are stacked against them. Many of those affected by this biased system are black. Data from California shows that only 63-percent of African-American - and 68-percent of Hispanics - students passed the state's graduation exam, while 90-percent of white students passed. The picture around the rest of the country is not much different. As high stakes tests increase in popularity, the drop-out rate increases.

One Democrat, Senator Ted Kennedy (MA), has proposed a plan that calls for states to work toward consistent academic requirements for students; this would ensure students, regardless of where they live, would leave school equally prepared for college or the workforce. Kennedy has also called for an expansion of social programs for poor children; social workers will be in every school that has a large population of students living below the poverty line. When students living in urban areas are able to emotionally and psychologically 'deal with' the violence and poverty that may surround them, they learn better.

If federal and local governments were to adequately fund the nation's public schools, the schools could implement the programs needed to ensure student success. Instead, the country has poured its money into the criminal justice system and defense spending, leaving our children, our future, vulnerable and unprepared for an increasing competitive system. The public education system needs to be reformed. Real reform starts with a financial commitment from the federal government.

Judge Greg Mathis is national vice president of Rainbow PUSH and a national board member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

# Blacks Suffer Most In Foreclosure Surge

**Blacks 3.8 times more likely than whites to receive a higher-cost home loan.**

Barbara Anderson and her husband know racism. Among the first blacks to move into an Ohio neighborhood 25 years ago, she watched in horror as white neighbors burned her garage nearly to the ground.

Fast-forward to 2007 and Anderson talks of a different sort of discrimination: brokers of subprime mortgages who prey on borrowers with weak credit histories like the Andersons, who raised eight children in Cleveland's Slavic Village district.

"These subprime lenders target you to take you through disaster," said Anderson, 59, who filed for bankruptcy after a legal tussle with a subprime lender, a "nightmare" that she said ended four years ago when her home was nearly foreclosed.

"I was fortunate. I went to another bank that decided to give me a chance with a new loan. The day that happened my headache stopped, my blood pressure lowered, my sick stomach went away, and it was because now I could see some daylight."

Across the United States, blacks and Hispanics are more likely to get a high-cost, subprime mortgage when buying a home than whites, a major factor in a wave of foreclosures in poor, often black neighborhoods nationwide as a housing slowdown puts millions of "subprime" borrowers at risk of default.

Even more troubling, real-estate industry analysts say, is an alarming proportion of blacks and Hispanics who received subprime loans by predatory lenders even when their credit picture was good enough to deserve a cheaper loan.

In six major U.S. cities, black borrowers were 3.8 times more likely than whites to receive a

higher-cost home loan, and Hispanic borrowers were 3.6 times more likely, according to a study released this month by a group of fair housing agencies.

"Blacks and Latinos have lower incomes and less wealth, less steady employment and lower credit ratings, so a completely neutral and fair credit-rating system would still give a higher percentage of subprime loans to minorities," said Jim Campen, a University of Massachusetts economist who contributed to the study.

"But the problem is exacerbated by a financial system which isn't fair," he said.

In greater Boston, 71 percent of blacks earning above \$153,000 in 2005 took out mortgages with high interest rates, compared to just 9.4 percent of whites, while about 70 percent of black and Hispanic borrowers with incomes between \$92,000 and \$152,000 received high-interest rate home loans, compared to 17 percent for whites, according to his research.

"It's a huge disparity," he said. High-cost mortgages usually have interest rates at least 3 percentage points above conventional mortgages.

Predatory lenders. Predatory lenders moved aggressively into the subprime mortgage market as a housing price boom between 2000 and 2005 cut the risk of lending to people with damaged credit ratings.

Many focused on minority neighborhoods in slick sales pitches that offered the American dream: home ownership with no money down and little worry about poor credit.

"The predatory lenders reach out to those who don't really know, people with a lack of education," said Cassandra Hedges, a black 37-year-old mother of two fighting to stave off foreclosure of the Ohio

home she bought three years ago.

"One of the first things my broker asked me was 'How do you know you are ready to buy a house. Have you done any



research?' We said 'No'. At that point I think he realized 'Okay I got some people that don't know what the heck they are doing'."

She and her husband Andre now face a 10.75 percent interest rate on an adjustable-rate mortgage and monthly payments of \$1,600 — more than double the \$650 she told her broker she could afford. Foreclosure looms after she missed a payment.

"If you're white they overlook the fact that your credit score is a little too low or you have one extra late payment," said

Barbara Rice, a community organizer at the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, a nonprofit advocacy group.

Rice, who is white, and a colleague who is black took part in an experiment in Massachusetts last year to test the racial bias of mortgage brokers. They both posed as prospective home buyers in a separate meetings with several brokers.

Rice presented a worse credit rating and lower income than her black colleague to brokers but received better treatment.

"I was given more information," she said. Many traditional banks do not run branches in poor minority neighborhoods, creating a vacuum often filled by predatory lenders and unscrupulous brokers, said Stephen Ross, a University of Connecticut economist who studies lending.

When the property market was strong, those brokers could tell borrowers that rising prices meant they could easily remortgage their properties to keep up with payments. But since the market peaked in 2005, millions are struggling to repay those loans. This year, some 1.5 million homeowners will face foreclosure, research firm RealtyTrac estimates.

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awareness program. The program begins with a mandatory two-day retreat on the third Saturday and Sunday in September. Tuition is \$800 for Plano Chamber of Commerce members and \$900 for non-members.

A limited number of scholarships are available for applicants representing non-profit agencies or individuals who require financial assistance. Applications may be picked up at the April 24th reception, at the Plano Chamber of Commerce, or may be found on-line at [www.leadershipplano.org](http://www.leadershipplano.org) beginning March 1. The deadline for applications

### Power Of The Black Press Page 1

offered insight on the role of the black press in Texas. "The black press is fighting a fight that has been ongoing since the publication of the Freedman's Journal," she said. "We are carrying on a legacy from the 1800's and 1900's by educating and empowering women and minorities."

The Texas Publishers Association is an organization consisting of over twenty African American magazine and newspaper publishers from across the state of Texas. For two decades, the organization has emphasized importance of the newspaper in the African American community and its uniqueness as a vehicle of communication within the culture.

This year's convention features a myriad of events that will benefit and are open to the public. Friday night activities include member registration and the President's Reception. Saturday activities will feature a Community Breakfast with Keynote Speaker Mr. B.J. Williams, President, Garland NAACP, and a Business Expo with vendors and networking

for the class beginning in September 2007 is June 15 at 5 pm.

A program of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Plano seeks to identify, educate and develop future leaders for the Plano community and to motivate these potential leaders for civic, charitable and community involvement. Spanning nine months from September through May, Leadership Plano is designed to increase individual and community leadership skills. For more information, please contact the Plano Chamber of Commerce at 972.424.7547 or visit the Leadership Plano Web site at [www.leadershipplano.org](http://www.leadershipplano.org).

opportunities. Saturday events will also include a Community Youth Luncheon with Keynote Speaker Mr. Craig Watkins, Dallas County District Attorney and local media personality Ms. Esther Davis.

Mr. Tommie Wyatt, Publisher, The Villager, Austin will speak on the history of the TPA. Mr. Gordon Jackson, Editor, Dallas Examiner will speak on the history of the black press. Praise Dancer T.J. Johnson, Gospel Comedian Miss Vickie, and Gospel Artists The Gray Family will provide entertainment.

The convention will conclude with the Awards and Scholarship Banquet, which will recognize past and present TPA sponsors and present two graduating high school students with scholarships.

Ms. Kelly put forth a challenge for the members of the black press concerning their impact on the future.

"It is time for the black press to make history instead of just writing history," "It is now time for us to put forth a unified front and inform the community about what the black press is doing and where we are going."

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The 21st Annual Soul Train Awards pays tribute to its Special Award recipients: Jermaine Dupri is presented with the 2007 Quincy Jones Award for Outstanding Career Achievements; Kenneth 'Babyface' Edmonds is presented with the 2007 Stevie Wonder Award for Outstanding Career Achievements in Songwriting; and Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson is honored with the 2007 Sammy Davis, Jr. Award for Entertainer of the

## Cedric The Entertainer Brings Comedy To Nokia

A man with a gift for wringing laughter from commonplace situations, Cedric the Entertainer has parlayed a career as one of the top standup comics in America into a steadily growing resumé as an actor in film and television. Born Cedric Kyles in 1964, Cedric the Entertainer adopted his stage name early on in his career; having also worked as a singer and dancer, Cedric wanted audiences to know he was more than just another comedian, though after being named "most humorous" in his high school graduating class, he seemed destined early on to be best known for his wit.

Cedric's career as a standup comic got its first major boost when he won the "Johnny Walker National Comedy Contest" in Chicago. This led to regular gigs at nightclubs in his hometown of St. Louis, and a victory in another Chicago comedy competition. In 1993, he scored his first regular spot on television, as the host of the BET series Comicview. While touring the Southwest, Cedric dropped by a club in Dallas, Texas, where the headlining act was not going over with the audience. Cedric persuaded the management to let him do a set, and his five-minute routine brought down the house. Cedric soon discovered fellow comic Steve Harvey was in the audience. The two rising stars struck up a friendship, and when Harvey scored his own sitcom, The Steve Harvey Show, in 1996, he brought Cedric along to play his friend, Cedric Jackie Robinson. Cedric was a hit on the show, and his work on the series earned him the NAACP Image Award as Best Supporting Actor on a Comedy Series three years in a row.

In 1997, Cedric and Harvey joined forces with funnymen Bernie Mac and D.L. Hughley for a concert tour. Billed as The Kings of Comedy, the tour was a major success, selling out large venues across the country and grossing 37 mil-

lion dollars over a two-year run. After his success on The Steve Harvey Show and with the Kings of Comedy tour, it was inevitable that Hollywood would come calling, and Cedric scored his first screen role in 1998 in the comedy Ride. The Original Kings of Comedy, a concert film shot by Spike Lee during a tour stop in North Carolina, hit theaters in 2000, and Cedric was also seen that year in the Martin Lawrence vehicle Big Momma's House. In 2001, Cedric scored a supporting role in the comedy-drama Kingdom Come, and did voice work for Dr. Dolittle 2 as well as the animated television series The Proud Family.

As one of the stars of 2002's Barbershop, Cedric showed Hollywood that he could deliver a major box-office hit, and larger film roles soon followed. After a scene-stealing turn in the



Coen Brothers' 2003 Intolerable Cruelty, Cedric geared up for what looked to be his biggest year to date. 2004 saw the comedian with starring roles in the sequel to Barbershop, Johnson Family Vacation, and the big-screen adaptation of the classic sitcom The Honeyymooners, as well as prominent supporting parts in Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events, with Jim Carrey and Meryl Streep, and Be Cool, the long-awaited sequel to Get Shorty.

Cedric the Entertainer appears April 1 at Nokia Live in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or at www.nokialive.dfw.com

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exhibit their work for sale at the end of the program.

"It has long been my desire to encourage and promote the arts among school-aged children," she said. "This program puts them in an environment with working artists in an art gallery. I am hoping that we will help to develop some of the next generation's artists."

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## Vanessa Williams Gets Hollywood Star

Many predicted Vanessa Williams would fade into obscurity when she gave up her Miss America crown because of a scandal over nude photographs, but her star shone brightly Monday.

Williams received the 2,331st star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Fellow cast members from the TV show "Ugly Betty," in which she plays a villainous magazine editor, showed up to cheer for her at the ceremony in front of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

"We were so happy to get Vanessa," said Salma Hayek, the show's executive producer. "She is brilliant because she is so nasty on the show, but in reality

she is the sweetest person."

Williams stepped down as the first black Miss America in 1984



after Penthouse magazine published nude, sexually explicit photographs of her taken several years earlier. In the years

since, she has sung on Broadway, released Grammy-nominated albums and acted on screens both big and small.

On Monday, she thanked fellow "Betty" cast members for attending the ceremony on their day off.

"I love working with these people," she said. "I also want to thank my family for allowing me to live my dreams. The sun didn't shine today, but my heart is shining."

Others who attended the ceremony included producer Peter Gruber, "Betty" co-star Rebecca Romijn and Williams' brother, Chris, a cast member on the new Fox series "The Wedding Bells."

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**Sarah Goode**, first Black female patent holder. She was issued a patent in 1885 for a Folding Cabinet Bed. **Patricia Bath**, first Black female doctor to receive a patent for a medical invention; a machine for ablating and removing cataract lenses.

**Ruane Jeter** invented a digital Toaster in 1987. **Henrietta Mahim Bradberry** invented a bed rack which was an attachment to the bed that permitted air to pass through and refresh worn clothes in 1943; and in 1945, the device operated pneumatically and was adapted to discharge torpedoes under the water surface (the Torpedo Discharger). **Virgie Ammons** invented a Fireplace Damper actuating tool in 1975. The instrument opens and closes a fireplace damper and is also invented to operate as a securing means to prevent fluctuating of the damper due to wind.

**Marie Brittan Brown** invented the Video Home Security System that utilized television surveillance in 1969. **Bessie Blyden**, a physical therapist who worked with soldiers injured in WW I invented a device allowing amputees to feed themselves in 1951. **Mary Reynolds** invented a Hoisting/Loading Mechanism in April 1920.

**Alice Parker** in 1919 invented

**Women's History Month Continues**

a new and improved gas heating furnace. The invention provided a mechanism for regulating heat to be carried to various rooms in a building. **Valerie Thomas** in 1980 invented an Illusion Transmitter that extends the idea of television, with its images located flatly behind a screen to having three dimensional



**Picture of The Week (L to R): Mrs. Phemia Tinner and Mrs. Gwen Taylor, two distinguished ladies leaving their church, 'First Church of Hamilton Park.'**

projects appear as though they were right in your living room.

**Mahalia Jackson**, "Queen of Gospel Music." She received national recognition by appearing at Carnegie Hall. She sang at the "March on Washington" in 1963 and at the funeral for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Roberta Martin** was the operator of her own "Gospel Music Publishing House." **Sister Rosetta Tharpe** was a Gospel Singer that was known for her signature guitar style; she also introduced gospel music into nightclubs as well as concert halls. **Jackson, Martin and Tharpe** all had U. S. postage stamps

issued in their honor in 1998. **Ethel Payne** was the first Black woman to receive accreditation as a White House correspondent. **Wilma Rudolph**, "The World's Fastest Woman," as a child suffered from polio and wore leg braces for years, she won three gold medals in sprint events at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Italy.

**Ruffles**, fluted collars, and pleats were very popular in Victorian-era clothing. **Susan Knox's** fluting iron made pressing the embellishments easier. The trademark featured the inventor's picture and appeared on each iron.

**Evelyn Ashford**, winner of four Olympic gold medals in 1984, 1988, and 1992. Also won a silver medal in 1988 and was inducted into Track and Field and Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. **Laney Graf Laney**, (1854 - 1933) She was born a slave in Macon, GA. She became Founder/Principal of Haines Normal Institute in GA. Laney was taught to read and write at the age of four by her master's sister, who helped her attend Atlanta University. When funds promised from the Presbyterian Board of Missions for Freedom did not materialize for a private school for Blacks, Laney raised the money herself. Her school was opened in 1886. In 1975, it had grown to a prospering educational community of over 1,000 students.

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**Plano Volunteers Page 1**

City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck said, "Volunteers are invaluable and strengthen our City's ability to provide excellent services to the residents of Plano. This year thousands of dedicated volunteers helped us improve the quality of life in our community to be more responsive to the needs of our citizens. We are proud of our

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FBCA Education Department is providing GED preparation including pre-testing and tutoring, the FREE service is provided every Wednesday @ 6 pm. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact the church @ 972-356-9956 for further details

March 23 @ 7 pm  
Please join us as our Men Empowered by Christ presents "2007 Transformation Conference" with Pastor Eric Brown, The Living Revolution Center.

March 24 @ 8:30 am  
Our Saturday's Seminar will feature Pastor A. Todd from Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church who will speak on "Men of God—Men of Purpose." Peace, Promise and Prosperity. Rev. Dwight Harris from FBCA will speak on "Transformation into the Likeness of Christ." Pastor Charles Malone from The Little Bethel Baptist Church will speak on "Transformation into a Better Husband and a Better Father." Pastor Perry from True Image Ministry will provide the "Ministry of Music."

March 25 @ 11 am  
You don't want to miss Pastor Darrell Ferguson from Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC as he speaks on "Ministry of the Word."

For more information and registration fees about the above 2007 Transformation Conference please call Deacon Michael Polk @ 469-667-3068

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK**

April 20-21, 2007  
Daughters of the King, our Women Ministry, will hold its Annual Women's Retreat @ the Marriott Hotel Legacy Town Center, 7120 Dallas Parkway, Plano, TX 75024. The topic: "Women Seeking to Know God More Intimately." Theme Scriptures: "... your will be done, not mine." (Matthew 26:39) All women are invited and we ask you to please wear white. Seats will be reserved. Check in and Registration will start Friday, April 20th @ 1 pm with a Midnight Prayer Service after Sessions and Dinner from 5:30-7:30 pm. Saturday's Prayer Service will start @ 7 am, followed by prayer from 8 am to 10 am; lunch from 12 Noon-1:30 pm and the closing session after lunch.

For early and late registration fees, call Pam Williams @ the church, 972-235-4235 or Joi Cross @ 469-330-7035.

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For more information and to pre-register, please call Shelley Robinson @ 214-755-0710.  
March 24 @ 4 pm  
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**RIVERSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

April 14, 2007  
We are having a Fish Fry and Fried Chicken dinner fund-raiser for "The Lord's Army Drill Team," an award-winning Drill Team for youth, ages 5-19, for their annual competition trip to the National Missionary Baptist Convention's Sunday School and BTU Congress in Orlando, FL. The fund-raiser helps defray the cost of their trip. They are asking for any donations of food items and paper goods.

For more information and for donations please call sponsors, Yvonne Wilburn or Melva Diane Gardner @ 214-428-3200.

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April 8, 2007  
WBC Prayer Ministry presents, "Praying for Spiritual Breakthrough" Jeremiah 33:3. You are invited to join the Prayer Team as the church consecrates itself for spiritual breakthrough by committing to 40 Days of Prayer with 40 Ways In 40 Days, February 27th through April 7th from 10 am to 11 am, as we prepare to celebrate Resurrection Sunday on April 8th.

For more information and on how you can become actively involved, call Minister Louis Rosenthal @ 214-794-3446.

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## Seminar For Trade School And Technical College Bound Students

Some high school students, parents and guardians, recently gathered at New Mount Zion Baptist Church (NMZ) where Dr. Robert E. Price is the Senior Pastor, for a FREE seminar about going to a Trade School or a Technical College. At the seminar they received expert information and had fun. There was plenty of great food, for breakfast and lunch that was catered by "Catering By Ahmad" out of Garland.

Those in attendance were given information brochures to take with them to study and review later, they were also given prizes and souvenirs.

As their 'un-herald trade mark' of giving and helping

families in the church and community; and realizing that all high school graduates can't attend a traditional college, for one reason or the other, NMZ church leaders: Rev. Ernest Holloway, Associate Minister; James C. McQuirter, Sr., President of NMZ Credit Union; Brother James Atkins, Scholarship Chairperson and other members of the church teamed up with Joe K. Hearne, Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco, Board of Regents and Marcus Balch, TSTC Director of Recruiting Services to highlight TSTC programs and discuss information that students can use as they are deciding about life after high school.

Prior to presiding over a funeral at the church, Pastor Price stopped by the seminar to welcome and encourage the students, their parents and guardians and apologized that he would not be able to stay for the seminar, especially since this is their first one.

The seminar had career assessment discussion, topics to encourage students to prepare for their careers, preparing for trade school or technical college, video presentations, and testimonials from technical college students and graduates.

Mr. McQuirter is giving a \$100 scholarship to all students that attended and that is going to a trade school or technical



(L to R) James C. McQuirter, Sr. President of NMZ Credit Union and Joe K. Hearne, TSTC of Waco, Board of Regents.



(L to R) Derrick Billington, Sponsor; Joe K. Hearne, TSTC Board; Marcus Balch, TSTC Director of Recruiting; Jason Jackson, Sponsor; Clyde Piles, student; Broderick Floyd, Student; Jonathan Wallace, Student; Cedric Norwell, Student; Jordan Wallace, Student; Miss Brittnie Conwright, Student; Eric Richard, Sponsor; Joshua Jackson, Student and James Atkins, NMZ Scholarship Chairperson.

college. He announced the next seminar, College Entrance,

101 is April 21, 2007 from 10 through 11th grades @ NMZ am to 2 pm for grades 7th through Family Life Center.

## UMC Bishop Challenges Confirmands To Be Leaders



NTC Bishop Alfred L. Norris, left, answers confirmands' questions read by Dr. Clayton Oliphant, pastor of First UMC, Richardson.

We need young people who are United Methodist Christians to be leaders...if you can demonstrate leadership at school, on the playground, and wherever else you traverse, somebody is going to follow you to Jesus Christ." (Bishop Alfred L. Norris is the

Confirmation Celebration.) First UMC, Richardson, was bursting with energy on Feb. 25 as more than 1,200 preteens gathered for the annual Confirmation Celebration.

The church vans and buses began to arrive shortly before 2:00 p.m. and the primarily sixth grade groups gathered inside the church's welcoming area.

As has become the custom, many of the groups were dressed in colorful tee shirts designed by their members. The sanctuary

was filled with color as the young people took their places and Nashville singer-songwriter Celia Whittier, a longtime youth ministry favorite, began to build energy and anticipation through song.

The young people especially appreciated the opportunity to hear and be in conversation with Bishop Alfred L. Norris. Rev. Clayton Oliphant, pastor of First UMC, Richardson, and the bishops "sidekick" for the confirmation celebration, asked

Bishop Norris a variety of questions that were submitted by the confirmands.

As he ended his remarks, Bishop Norris said, "I invite you to be a member of my gang, the God and Neighbor Group...Love God, love your neighbor, love your church, and God will love you and heaven will smile on you. I am glad to know you are joining my gang. Can I count on you?"

Other afternoon activities were filled with mission and fun,

and in a couple of cases the two were one. Confirmands shot hoops to raise money for the "Nothing But Nets" anti-malaria campaign in Africa and helped fill Mission Possible "Busy Bags" for children waiting in hospitals.

Whether it was lining up for one of John the Balloon Man's custom creations or making really cool crafts – definitely not for little kids, the 11 and 12-year olds were up to the challenge.

### Obama Dravus 10,000 Page 1

As the mother of two biracial children, Nishioka said Obama's rise as a credible candidate for president gave her whole family cause for hope. Obama is the son of a white American woman and a black man from Kenya and was raised in Hawaii and Indonesia.

"What I like about him, is he has a global background and a global view," said Nishioka, a retired attorney. "He's more of a change from the status quo. He's definitely fresh."

Obama's afternoon appearance brought the downtown to a

standstill. His amplified voice echoed off the downtown buildings and people peered through office building windows and waived from rooftop balconies.

He spoke in a small, sunken amphitheater in front of Oakland city hall that was too small to contain the crowd he attracted. Event organizers said the crowd reached 12,000, and it flowed out onto the main downtown thoroughfare, which was blocked for the occasion.

After the rally, Obama was scheduled to attend a San Francisco fundraiser where organizers expected to raise about \$1 million.

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11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

##### Tuesday

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##### Wednesday

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