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People In The News



Rodney C. Thompson was recently named Comerica Bank assistant vice president/business development officer in its Dallas Small Business Administration lending office.

Thompson began his career with Comerica in 2001 as a credit analyst. He rotated through the middle market, commercial real estate and small business lending groups, and successfully completed Comerica's credit training program. Prior professional experience includes work with the Minority Business Development Agency.

A graduate of the Price College of Business at the University of Oklahoma (OU) with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Thompson also has a master's degree in business administration from OU.

The Texas Market of Comerica Bank includes 72 banking centers in the key Texas markets of Dallas, Houston and Austin. Comerica Incorporated is a financial services company strategically aligned into three business segments: the Business Bank, Retail Bank, and Wealth & Institutional Management. Comerica focuses on relationships and helping people be successful. In March, Comerica announced that it will move its corporate headquarters from Detroit, Mich., to Dallas, making Comerica the largest bank holding company headquartered in Texas. The headquarters relocation is expected to be completed by the end of the third quarter in 2007.



Randy McVilvie, Plano resident and Frito-Lay Senior Vice President of Sales, is recipient of The Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the U.S. Naval Academy and Harvard Business Review inaugural Leadership Excellence Award. McVilvie received this recognition for his leadership, exceptional achievement and commitment to developing employees.

A distinguished panel of judges, including leaders from the business and military worlds, selected five winners from a broad field of leaders nominated by their companies' chief executive officers. The winners have demonstrated ethical leadership, noteworthy contributions to the development of employees and an ability to consistently deliver outstanding results.

"These leaders exemplify the best of what American business has to offer," said Vice Admiral Michael Haslins, United States Navy (Ret.) and dean of the Stockdale Center. "They deliver outstanding results and adhere to the highest ethical standards, raising the bar for all business leaders."

Randy and the other winners will receive their awards at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., in July as part of the Leadership Excellence Summit, a three-day business leadership conference exploring ethics, integrity and character.

Jackie King-Scott is the published author of a non-fiction, and a fiction book for married couples, Well Said! Say What You Don't Say - Don't Say What You Do Say and The Alliance. The Alliance won the Atlanta Daily News Atlanta Choice Award for Religious Fiction. The American Christian Writers Association selected Jackie as Writer of the Year in 2005 and 2007.

A native of Dallas, she earned her BFA in Journalism from Southern Methodist University. She is a Ford Fellow in Education Journalism, and has earned course completion certificates in Christian Counseling from the American Association of Christian Counselors. She is working toward her designation as a Board Certified Biblical Counselor.

Jackie is a retreat speaker, a former radio newscaster, news reporter, and talk show host. She is an adjunct instructor of Creative Writing at El Centro College, and teaches a beginning Christian Writing course in the Bible Institute at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas. Jackie has been featured on the television morning talk show, Good Morning Texas on WFAA - Channel 8.

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No More Business As Usual: Irving Implements Policy For Minority And Women Owned Businesses



Chris Wallace & Mayor Herbert Gears.

By: Paul Halley
Last Thursday, a standing room only crowd of minority and women business owners packed into Irving City Hall to meet with city

officials as they announced the kickoff of Irving's Minority and Women Business Owners Event Program. Over 500 registered business owners listened to Mayor Herb Gears and others explain how the suburban city would now include minority and women business owners for consideration in the awarding of city contracts.

"This is a new time for the City of Irving," said Mayor Gears. "We were one of the largest cities in the country without a MWBE (minority and women-owned business enter-

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Darfur: UN's Ban Ki-Moon Presses Hard For Action

United Nations - At a U.N. press conference yesterday Ban Ki-moon pledged to push for action to facilitate the speedy deployment of peacekeepers to Darfur, while at the same time moving decisively to foster a lasting political settlement to the conflict there.

Ban said Darfur dominated many of his discussions with top officials on last week's trip to Europe and, "We have made, I think, important progress," he said. "We must now push the pace. Hard."

He outlined a number of areas where he would press for decisive action including the draft resolution now being considered by the Security Council on the proposed hybrid UN-African Union force for Darfur.

"I sincerely hope that the Security Council will take the necessary action within this week - which will allow more than 20,000 military personnel and civilian police," he said.

"I want to move more rapidly. The political situation on the ground is too fragile, the humanitarian crisis too dire, to waste more

precious time," he said.

The Secretary-General said the UN must work with the AU and other partners to "start preparing the ground for our peacekeepers immediately."

He noted that a preliminary reconnaissance group leaves for Sudan tomorrow, while China will soon send a contingent of military engineers to Darfur to commence communications and logistical work that must precede the mission.

He indicated that he had been informed that "several hundred international troops, or more, will be ready to deploy by October," but added, "I will push for September."

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NAACP Lays 'N' Word To Rest



By: Bankole Thompson - Special to the NNPA from the Michigan Chronicle

Detroit - Ever since comedian Michael Richards went on a tirade using the "N" word against a Black heckler during a show, and T.V. host Don Imus' use of "nappy headed hoes" to describe Rutgers University mostly Black female basketball team, Black America has been on fire over the use of racial epithets.

Marching to the sound of African drum-

ming and Cass Tech High School marching band, the NAACP organized a historic mock funeral July 9 in downtown Detroit to bury once and for all the "N" word.

The event, which attracted national media as well as Black leaders across the country, was a major high-

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Urban League Of Greater Dallas Honors African American Museum Founder, DART And Long-Term Civic Leader At 40th Anniversary Gala

Dallas - Celebrating 40 years of empowering communities and changing lives, the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas, Inc. will salute its 2007 honorees for helping the Urban League execute its mission of service to the community.

The Annual Gala, consisting of a report to community and festive salute, will be held on Saturday, August 11, at the Hilton Anatole Hotel Dallas, 2201 Stemmons Freeway. B'Jeweled Rubies of the Night 2007 Gala, presented by Countrywide Bank, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment provided by renowned record-

ing artists Jeffery Osborne and The Impressions.

"Our 2007 honorees continue the Urban League's legacy of partnering with individuals and institutions that make a positive and measurable difference in the communities we serve," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO, Urban League of Greater Dallas, adding



Diane Ragsdale

"we are delighted to salute these honorees for setting high service to community standards and for their commitment to volunteerism."

Dr. Harry Robinson, founder, President and CEO, Urban League Dallas Page 3

City Hires Police Chief

Denton - City Manager George Campbell announced today the appointment of Roy W. Minter, Jr. to the position of Police Chief for the City of Denton. Minter will begin his employment on August 13, 2007, and will oversee the operations of the Police Department and Animal Services Unit. Denton Police Captain Scott Langford has been serving as the Interim Police Chief since October 2006.

Minter currently serves as the Commander of the District One Station for the Aurora, Colorado Police Department. The Aurora Police Department is the third largest law enforcement agency in Colorado with 635 commissioned members. Aurora covers 150 square miles and has a population of 305,000 residents.

In his capacity as the District One Commander, Minter is responsible for the supervision of 170 commissioned personnel and 6 civilians, with command of Patrol Officers, Patrol Sergeants, Sector and Patrol Lieutenants. Minter is also responsible for the planning

and allocation of resources, program evaluation, strategic and tactical problem solving, preparing and monitoring operating and capital budgets, and in the development of operational priorities, goals and objectives.



Denton Police Chief Roy Minter

Minter has implemented several crime reducing, community based programs including: Lunch with Blue, Business Advisory Group, and Robbery Awareness seminars. In 2006, Minter's Aurora Police Department District showed a 13% decrease in their violent crime rate.

Commander Minter has been with the Aurora Police Department since 1992 and

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Richardson/Plano Guide Right Foundation Brings Scholarship Workshop To Dallas

Dallas - Jessica Johnson received her first scholarship, \$20,000, as a junior in high school. By the time she entered Howard University as a freshman in 2000, the Jackson, Tennessee native had already received more than \$40,000 in scholarships. During her time at Howard, where she received a bachelor's degree in journalism, Johnson racked up more than \$130,000 in scholarships.

The Richardson/Plano Guide Right Foundation, a 501(c)(3) entity of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is bringing Jessica Johnson and her Minority Scholarship Quest to Dallas. Created in 2001 when she was 19 years old, she founded the scholarship workshop to assist minority students in finding scholarships for college.

"Students don't realize college is free. They don't realize college is free. They don't realize college is free." Guide Right Scholarship Page 4

Mr. President, It Is Time To Bring The Troops Home

By: Harry C. Alford - NNPA
"Beyond The Rhetoric"
 It was like yesterday. We were attending a board of directors meeting at the US Chamber of Commerce.

As planned, we walked across the street to the Old Executive Office Building of the White House for a presentation by the President, George W. Bush. It was there on that rainy November afternoon that he told the business CEO's of America that he was going to lead us into war with Iraq. He explained his logic and expressed utmost confidence in our military leaders' war plan. The thing that surprised me the most, in retrospect, was that not one person leaked this meeting to the press.

The world watched as the White House built its case against Iraq from that date to February of the following year. The deal was already done but there was a need to prepare the public.

The actual war was brilliant and lasted shortly. What was deeply underestimated was the aftermath. That has become a total disaster. The Shiites, Kurds and Sunnis have been fighting for centuries and the fall of Saddam Hussein did nothing to change that. In fact, what has happened is a rallying call from all these entities and a newly established operating base for Al Qaeda and other such thugs. What we have is a full blown civil war sprinkled with a lot of terrorist activity. Iraq is a mess and we don't have the answer.

Our mission was complete and we decided to change the scope and hang around. That hanging around is costing us precious lives and many billions in wasted

dollars. The Military Industrial Complex, Halliburton et al, has been making record profits but we certainly can't call that progress.

Democracy doesn't always work. It didn't in Vietnam and it certainly isn't going to work in Iraq anytime soon. Iraq, the land of Nebuchadnezzar, has been at war since biblical times and it will be for quite a while longer. We, in all our glory, will not be able to end it and should come to the reality that we should not be there. It is time to "pull the plug."

Our president has dug in his "heels" and refuses to even consider the thought of pulling out. Instead, he has ordered a surge. Surge? In the Vietnam days we called that escalation. It is escalation indeed and history shows that such activity only increases your losses, such as military lives. Enough!

As a former officer in the US Army, I am appalled at what is happening to our troops. Going into combat without the best equipment available is an American shame. We have troops in harms way without a known mission and an inevitable exit strategy.

You can't put up a serious and successful fight without a mission. Some of our troops have had to do 3-5 tours in the same war. That is totally unheard of. How much wear and tear can the human body and mind take? The law of averages is going to catch up with individuals having to deal with that. Sooner or later you are going to be crippled or dead via a war with no mission. This is not fair to those who sacrifice so much and bring grief onto their loved ones. It must really mess with

the minds of young officers who lead their troops down urban streets waiting for some bad guys, not enemy soldiers, to strike them with grenades and sneaky bombs.

That is not combat. It is police action and soldiers should not and cannot successfully do police action. Soldiers, especially American soldiers, should not practice and train for searching citizens' homes and chasing people down the streets whose total activity is to ambush and run through a civilian infrastructure. This is not military. How can an "mightiest power on earth" come down to this level? Russia, China, India, etc. must be thinking, "Their time is limited and our time is coming."

There is a nouveau saying that "When you jump into a mud pit to wrestle with a hog, the hog is having big fun and you are making a mess of yourself."

Sadly, in our macabre terms this is our state in Iraq. We can't win fighting in this mud pit that has lived with oppression, terror, revolution and civil war far longer than our nation has been in existence.

Mr. President, we are asking too much of our military. They are working out of their job classification; receiving little appreciation and deserving much more pay, care and love from a nation that depends on them dearly. It is an abuse of our troops, economy and our future. We made a big mistake. Mistakes will be made. How we handle the mistakes is what really matters. Bring our troops home now!

Harry Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Website: www.nationalbcc.org.

Liberia Bids For New Pentagon Command Post

NNPA (GIN) - Liberia may be the next home of a major U.S. military headquarters in Africa.

Called AFRICOM, it is a Department of Defense initiative "whose principal mission will be in the area of security cooperation and building partnership capability. It will not be in warfighting," said Ryan Henry, principal U.S. Undersecretary of Defense.

This week, President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf announced her country's bid for the military post. "Liberia, historically, has stood resolutely with the United States, through good times and bad, and is offering its territory as it has done in the past, for the establishment of AFRICOM headquarters," she said.

But Nicole Lee, executive director of TransAfrica Forum, a DC-based think tank focusing on U.S. policy

toward Africa, worries that a greater U.S. military presence in Africa is "neither wise nor productive." Instead, the administration should focus on "development assistance and respect for sovereignty." No decision has been made as yet where to site the regional command center expected to house up to 1,000 soldiers. Other possible sites include Morocco and Ethiopia.

Zimbabwe Gets Food Lifeline From Malawi

NNPA (GIN) - Malawi is selling much-needed maize to Zimbabwe under an export agreement which includes a \$10 million line of credit. "We have already exported 90,000 metric tonnes within the past two and a half months,"

Patrick Kabambe, Malawi's Secretary of Agriculture, told the U.N. news agency IRIN.

Malawi's farmers have had two successive bumper harvests, making an almost complete recovery from a drought in 2005 that left close to five million people in need of food aid.

The sale could not have come at a better time for Malawian farmers.

"It has helped push the prices up and benefited the farmers," Kabambe commented. "We are not selling it at a loss - the price has not been subsidised for Zimbabwe."

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has held several positions including: Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and Vice and Narcotics Investigator. In 1997, he was promoted to the rank of Detective and served in the Juvenile Unit, Domestic Violence Unit, and Sex Crimes Unit. In 1999, Minter was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served in Patrol, the Fraud Unit, and the Narcotics Unit. In 2002, Minter was promoted to Lieutenant and served as a Patrol Commander, Training Section Commander and Operations Support Section Commander. In 2006, Minter was appointed by Chief Daniel Oates as the first District Commander for the Aurora Police Department.

Prior to joining the Aurora Police Department, Minter worked for the Houston Police Department for 10 years as a Police Officer in the Special Operations Bureau/Tactical Services Bureau.

"Roy is a highly qualified and skilled individual with an extremely diverse law enforcement background. His experience made him the ideal candidate and I have every confidence that his leadership will maintain the high standard of

excellence our community has come to expect from the Denton Police Department," said Mr. Campbell.

"I believe every organization needs four components to be successful: good people, good training, good policies and good leadership. I am extremely fortunate to have been selected to lead an organization that already has all four of these components in place. The Denton Police Department has a long tradition of being one of the most professional and innovative law enforcement agencies in the country," stated Minter.

"One of my primary goals as Chief will be to manage our resources to accomplish the operational and organizational mission of the agency based on accountability standards and performance expectations set forth by the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and members of our great community."

Minter holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Masters in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. He also has extensive Law Enforcement Training including: Senior Management Institute for Police - Executive Strategic

Management Course, Police Executive Research Forum; Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorists Acts Instructor Training, Department of Homeland Security; Advanced Ethics Instructor Training; The Center for International Law; and Anti-Biased Policing Instructor Training, Colorado Regional Community Policing Institute.

Minter's professional affiliations include: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and the President of the Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).

In February 2007, the City contracted the Waters-Oldani Executive Recruitment Firm, a division of the Water Consulting Group, Inc., to do a nationwide search. After a thorough review and screening of 94 applicants by Waters-Oldani, six (6) finalists were interviewed by the City Manager and staff.

For other news items on the City of Denton, visit their website at www.cityofdenton.com, go to Quick Information and click on Press Releases.

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of the African American Museum, will receive the coveted Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award for dedicating his energy, vision, talent and resources to establishing the African American Museum in 1974. Under Dr. Robinson's direction the museum completed a \$6.8 million capital campaign to move the museum from the former Bishop College campus to its current stand alone facility in Fair Park.

The African American Museum is the largest free standing museum of its kind in the South and serves as a major cultural attraction and venue for community activities.

"Our mission is to awaken and arouse the consciousness of people about the rich culture and heritage of people of color through exhibitions and cultural education programs here at the museum," Dr. Robinson said. "We are an integral part of the fabric and quality of life in Dallas."

A New Orleans native, Dr. Robinson received his bachelor's degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a Master's degree in Library Science from Atlanta University and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois-Champaign Urbana. A recognized national leader in his field, Dr. Robinson received a presidential appointment to serve on the prestigious National Museum & Library Services Board of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. He serves as president of the African American Museums Association and volunteers with the Society of Southwest Archivists as well as many other regional and local cultural and performing arts organizations. Dallas Area Rapid Transit will

receive the Buddy J. Minyard Award for the transit agency's outstanding long-term corporate partnership with the Urban League. DART, approved by Dallas County voters in 1983, provides transit service to Dallas and 12 surrounding cities, connecting employees to work sites, sport fans to their teams, shoppers to retailers and fun seekers to their favorite attractions and destinations.

DART won the coveted American Public Transit Association's Transit Agency of the Year Award in 1997 and the transit agency continues to set service benchmarks as it expands its light rail and bus system.

Nurse, community activist



Dr. Harvey Robinson

and former Dallas City Councilwoman Diane Ragsdale will receive the President's Award for her long-term civic involvement as a tireless advocate for equality and inclusion for South Dallas/Fair Park area residents as well as senior citizens and low income residents citywide.

A recipient of the National Community Service Award, the Texas Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Texan Award and many more, Ms. Ragsdale helped found the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Health

Center, Common Ground Economic Development Corporation and the South Dallas/Fair Park Innercity Development Corporation where she serves as the managing director.

"My service to community as a nurse, City Councilmember and community activist taught me that there is a direct relationship between one's health and one's living condition and therefore my passion for community development is a lifelong commitment," Ms. Ragsdale said.

The mission of the Urban League is to enable African Americans and others to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights. Programmatic services are provided to enhance education, employment, health, housing, senior programs, technology training, re-entry training for ex-offenders, youth training and enrichment and other positive support services for residents throughout the greater Dallas area.

The Urban League of Greater Dallas main office is located on the blue DART rail line on South Lancaster Road across from the Veterans Administration Hospital. The social service agency has four additional community service centers in Pleasant Grove, Garland, Irving and South Oak Cliff.

"Until all citizens have equal access, without barriers, the Urban League stands to fill in the gap," Dr. Brooks said.

For ticket information for the 2007 Gala call (214) 915-4600. To find out more about the Urban League's programs and services visit its web site at www.uldncx.com.

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

Project Alpha: North Dallas Youths Get A Great Start

Local program to prepare at-risk teens for fatherhood

The March of Dimes and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. are hosting Project Alpha, on Saturday, July 21, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Frederick Douglass Community Center (1111 Ave H, Plano, Texas). The daylong program is a male-focused, teen pregnancy conference targeting 12 to 15 year old boys, but is open to young men up to 18 years of age. The program is free. To register, call 972-351-3084 or email project.alpha1906@yahoo.com.

Registration along with a consent form must be received by Thursday, July 19, 2007.

The program emphasizes the social, economic and personal consequences that come with fathering a child. Project Alpha creates a safe environment where young men can learn and explore important life issues. Through education, Project Alpha encourages young men to make healthy decisions and prepares them to be responsible, successful adults.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation began collaboratively implementing Project Alpha in 1980. Designed to provide young men with current and accurate information about teen pregnancy prevention, Project Alpha consists of a

series of workshops and informational sessions conducted by local health officials.

About Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded in 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. Well-known political leaders and members of Alpha Phi Alpha include W.E.B. DuBois, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Maynard Jackson, Cornel West, Andrew Young, David Dinkins, Charles Rangel, Edward Brooke, Marc Morial, Bobby Scott, and Kwame Kilpatrick. To learn more about Alpha Phi Alpha, visit the fraternity's web site at www.apa1906.net.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies. More information is available by calling 972-669-3463 or by visiting the March of Dimes web site at www.marchofdimes.com/texas and www.nacersano.org.

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prizes) policy. In my six years as a councilmember and two years as mayor, we have worked hard to emphasize that Irving is an international city. This new policy moves us even closer to that goal."

The MWBE program kick-off resembled a community celebration, with door prizes, snacks and city purchasing employees answering questions for small to medium business owners. Among the participants however, were a small number of activists and minority business owners who remembered how those in power in Irving weren't always so willing to be inclusive of minorities seeking to do business with the city. That group has a heartfelt understanding of much time and sacrifice it has taken over the past thirteen years to make the city's MWBE program a reality.

In 1981, the NAACP nationally launched the Operation Fair Share Program to ensure the reinvestment of African American consumer dollars back into the community through five areas, including minority purchasing. Locally, Irving NAACP founder and president, Anthony Bond, began a quest in 1994 to ensure that metropolitan minority business owners were given a fair chance at competing for goods and services contracts in Irving. Unfortunately, the barriers were many and the results were mixed.

"We met with Dallas Cowboy owner Jerry Jones and City of Irving officials to get commitments that they would consider minority vendors and contractors in the awarding of contracts," Bond reflected. I sat in Jerry Jones' office when he signed an agreement to award 35% of work for the Cowboys to minority companies. The City of Irving never did respond in an organized way to our concerns; and we never made any real progress in getting them to adopt a formal minority procurement policy."

Thirteen years later, after several city government administrations, an infinite number of meetings and progressively increasing complaints by minority groups, Irving, Texas has finally taken steps to include minority and women businesses in their purchasing decisions

Long considered one of the last bastions of the "good ol' boy system" among Dallas suburbs, Irving is a city in the middle of a transition from a predominately white bedroom community to a culturally diverse city. According to 2005 census data, Irving has over 200,000 residents; its racial makeup is about 48% white, 31% Hispanic, 10% black and 8% Asian. Evidence of the city's cultural divide can be found in the fact that the current City Council does not have a single minority member. With no written minority procurement policy in place, the city's Purchasing Department awarded contracts to businesses however it wanted, without justification.

In January of this year, the Irving City Council unanimously adopted a resolution to include MWBEs in the city's procurement policy. The city then hired consultant Martin Burrell to assist in development of the policy. Mr. Burrell has worked on similar projects for DART, and in the construction of the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

Officials were quick to point out the new policy has no quotas, but has a stated goal overall goal of 26% participation for MWBEs in Irving projects and purchases.

Martin Burrell offered advice to the MWBEs in attendance on how to get contracts with Irving now that the policy is in place. "If you don't bid, you don't count," Mr. Burrell offered. "You can't guarantee your success, but you can guarantee you won't be successful if you don't compete for city contracts."

Anthony Bond looked around at the diverse group of business owners filling the Irving City Hall last week and grinned.

"They used to say that they didn't award any minority contracts because they couldn't find any minority vendors. I guess they can't say that anymore," he said.

"All we ever wanted was a fair chance to compete with everyone else for a piece of the pie. After 13 years of fighting, I think now we have a fair chance."

For more information on opportunities for MWBEs to do business with the City of Irving, visit www.cityofirving.org and click on the Business tab to be added to the Purchasing bidders database. Or call 972-721-2631 for additional info.

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is a major sacrifice - a luxury. For a lot of students, the reality sinks in too late," says Johnson. "Students need a process."

That's where Johnson comes in. She has students complete a personal development profile to figure out what kind of scholarships they qualify for. Then Johnson maps out a week-by-week plan and helps the student find a list of scholarships based on their profile. The student is responsible for completing the applications and writing any essays. Johnson will edit the essays and provide feedback.

"High grade point averages are no longer good enough to get scholarships," she says. "A scholarship is an award for students who have gone above and beyond in some area. People aren't just going to give you money. It's for something you have excelled in," says Johnson.

Shawntel Hebert, 23, used Johnson's services when she applied for law school. She received a \$75,000 scholarship to attend Emory University. "Jessica

has a writing ability like no other, especially when it comes to essays," says Hebert, a second-year law student. "She knows what scholarship committees are looking for in applications and essays."

"Kappa Alpha Psi recognized a need to bring Jessica and her workshop here when we reviewed applications for the scholarships that we award every spring," according to Elwood Shannon, member of the Richardson/Plano Chapter. "We saw students who had the GPAs, but their essay writing skills needed improvement. This is an excellent opportunity for students to obtain (for a nominal fee) what some scholarship tutors charge several hundred dollars to receive."

The Minority Scholarship Quest Workshop will be presented August 9 - 11 at the IBM Education Center at 1177 Beltline Road in Coppell from 10am - 5pm. IBM is providing the education center as part of their community volunteer efforts and Southwest Airlines is providing transportation for Johnson. The

majority of the fee to attend is being underwritten by the Richardson/Plano Guide Right Foundation as part of their scholarship program. Participants are asked to pay \$50 participation fee. Students must be in high school or college and commit to attending the entire three-day workshop that is limited to 30 students.

For additional information contact the Richardson/Plano Guide Right Foundation at rr_minorityscholarshipquest@yahoo.com or you may leave a message on the Richardson/Plano mailbox at 866.841.9139 extension 2293.

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Entertainment Biz: Talk To Me Gets Big Applause

Film restores hope for black movies

By: **George Alexander**
Kasi Lemmons's new film *Talk to Me*, which hits theaters July 13th is brilliant. It's an amazing piece about Ralph Waldo "Petey" Greene, an ex-con played by Don Cheadle, who became a popular yet controversial deejay at WOL-AM in Washington D.C. during the 60's and 70's. The station would go on to become the first station in the Radio One empire.

Cheadle is beyond incredible as Greene. He inhales the life of this fiery, street tough man who became a voice and hero for the people in one of the most tur-

bulent periods in American history. I am betting he gets an Oscar nomination for best actor. British-born actor Chiwetel Ejiofor, known for his roles in such films as *Kinky Boots*, *Inside Man*, and *Dirty Pretty Things*, is fantastic as Dewey Hughes. Also bringing superb performances to the piece are Cedric the Entertainer, Taraji Henson and Martin Sheen.

Talk to Me has restored my faith in black movies (that is films by black writers/directors/producers). Not to say that I had totally lost faith in us, but it had been a while since I last saw a film that really, really had something meaningful to say

without being too preachy or didactic. (Okay, *The Pursuit of Happyness* did it too; Will Smith



Kasi Lemmons

produced it and I really enjoyed that too.)

What makes *Talk to Me* so special is that at its essence it's a

story about brotherhood and friendship between two black men-Greene and Hughes. We rarely see such depictions on screen. And who said women can't direct stories about men? Lemmons masterfully directs the film that blends brooding drama and comedy together into a soulful period piece. You'll laugh out loud. You'll be gripped with emotion. Lemmons, who made her feature film debut with the critically acclaimed *Eve's Bayou*, herself said that when she read the script she knew it was she who had to direct it. After seeing *Talk to Me*, it's hard to imagine anyone else in the director's chair. As in her first film, Lemmons

brings a quiet sensitivity, maturity and intelligence to the material; it's emotionally engaging without being manipulative. This all might have been lost in the hands of a less introspective and adroit director.

Further, the actors infuse the characters with great depth and humanity. This allows the film to sustain its provocative core even in moments of intense hilarity-without spilling into caricature. It's simply honest. *Petey Greene* was about telling it like it is-the truth-and you feel this throughout the film.

And the music is a magnificent strut back to the jukebox. Music supervisor Barry Cole

brings together an excellent sound track of soul, funk and R&B of the period by the likes of James Brown, Otis Redding, Sly and the Family Stone, Booker T and The MG's and Archie Bell and the Drells. You'll definitely want to get up and dance.

Listen to me. Don't miss it. George Alexander's column on the business of entertainment appears weekly at blackenterprise.com. He is the author of "Why We Make Movies" (Random House, \$15.95), and "Queens: Portraits of Black Women and their Fabulous Hair" (Random House, \$29.95).

Ciara To Headline Screamfest 07 At Nokia Theatre

Ciara Princess Harris was born in Austin, Texas. She is the only child of Carlton and Jackie Harris. She grew up on army bases in Germany, New York, Utah, California, Arizona, and Nevada, since her father Carlton was in the United States Army. During her teens, Ciara and her family settled in Atlanta. Ciara said that watching *Destiny's Child* perform on a television program while staying home from school inspired her to pursue a career in music. Then, Ciara joined a girl group called Hearsay and worked on her songwriting. The group recorded demos, but began to have differences. Eventually, she left the group, got a publishing deal, and found a "musical soul-mate" when she met producer Jazze Pha. Ciara graduated from Riverdale High School in Riverdale, Georgia in 2003 and was signed by LaFace Records executive L.A. Reid with the help of Jazze Pha. She began production on her debut album.



Ciara completed her second album, after the release of the Step Up soundtrack single "Get Up" featuring Chamillionaire. It became the second European sin-

at number one selling over 338,000 copies, which is 213,000 more than Ciara's debut album *Goodies*. The album received generally positive reviews and was certified platinum by the RIAA. The second single from Ciara: *The Evolution*, the first single in Europe, "Like a Boy", was released on February 13, 2007 in the U.S. The single was the second to be released in the UK with an April 9, 2007 release date. The single was a moderate success peaking at nineteen on the *Billboard* Hot 100 and sixteen in the UK.

In early May, Ciara teamed with *Glamour* Magazine to direct her first music video for emerging female artists Tiffany Evans, Paula Campbell, or Samantha Jade in the *Nissan Reel Music Contest*. She signed on to her second film role *Mama, I Want to Sing!* which films this summer and due in theaters February 2008 and she

became the face of Jay-Z's Rocawear women campaign entitled "I Will Not Lose", which debuts this fall. The official third single "Can't Leave 'Em Alone", which features 50 Cent was released on June 12. Ciara will headline with Lloyd, T-Pain, T.I. and Yung Joc on the *Screamfest 07*. The tour was scheduled to begin July 24, but it was changed to August 3.

Ciara will co-star with Patti LaBelle in the upcoming film *Mama, I Want to Sing!*, which is based on the off-Broadway musical. Ciara will play a preacher's daughter in the church choir who becomes a pop star. The movie is scheduled to start shooting in June in Louisiana and due in theaters in February 2008.

Screamfest 07 will be held at Nokia Theatre At Grand Prairie on August 6. For tickets log onto ticketmaster.com or phone metro 972-647-5700. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

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light of the NAACP's 98th annual convention last week in Detroit.

The funeral procession began at about 11am at the Cobo Convention Center, where thousands, including NAACP delegates marched to the funeral site at the Hart Plaza.

"This represents a paradigm shift in the thinking of us [as] a people," declared Detroit NAACP Chapter President, the Rev. Wendell Anthony. "This is not an attack on young people. This is not an attack on rap. All of us have been guilty of using this word."

NAACP National Board Chairman Julian Bond underscored the importance of the funeral.

"This is the first funeral I have been to where people were happy to be here," Bond said. "The entity in this casket deserves to be dead. The word is deep in the ground."

Bond said the organization will continue the fight against

the use of such derogatory terms especially against women.

"We won't stop until our women feel safe from attack," Bond said.

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick echoed similar sentiments, saying "Black women are queens," in his message. And he admonished all who attended the funeral to abandon the "N" word and all other racial epithets for good.

"Stand up for your people," Kilpatrick said. "Let's bury it for good."

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm used the event to trumpet other social justice issues the NAACP is concerned with, such as insurance redlining, predatory lending practices.

Granholm said such practices are exclusively targeted toward African-Americans and called for such practices to be buried as well.

"We are proud this historic funeral is in the state of Michigan and I would like to see us bury the effort of Ward

Connerly," Granholm said. "We need to bury insurance rates in urban areas that end up being attacks on African Americans."

Victoria Lanier an NAACP leader from New York, said [the] racial slur has its roots in slavery.

"We will bury this offensive usage among all people, including African Americans," Lanier said. "We promise that we will be more creative in our rap lyrics, more respectful to our ancestors."

Hip-hop artist Kurtis Blow was the only visible representative from the rap industry which has taken several blows from cultural critics, arguing that it not only uses the 'N'

word in lyrics, but also denigrates Black women.

"I have recorded 150 songs and I've never used profanity," Blow said to a cheering crowd. "You can have hip-hop and not offend anyone. We need to transform our minds so this doesn't happen anymore."

Blow harped on the power of language as a tool of liberation.

"The condition of our community is a direct result of the conditions of our mind," Blow said. "If you change the condition of your mind you can change your community."

He called on young people to boycott any rap music they deem offensive, even though recent statistics have shown that rap is mostly purchased

by White youth.

"They wouldn't make the rap songs if you didn't buy it," Blow said. "Stop buying those records you don't want to hear."

Alabama resident Tracey Maxwell who attended the funeral said it was significant.

"This [is] profound that it is taking place in Detroit which is the largest African-American city," Maxwell said. "I don't think it is symbolism. I'm most impressed by the number of senior citizens who are here for the funeral because this word means more to them than my (young) generation."

Rev Lawrence Foster of Calvary Baptist Church in

Detroit said the event was historic.

"This makes the NAACP relevant," Foster said. "I'm grateful that the NAACP has embraced this moment."

Philadelphia Mayor John Street who stood in the crowd watching the ceremony said it sends the right message across the country.

"This word has been used to denigrate, dehumanize African-Americans. If you can kill this word, then people can begin to be free in a different kind of way," Street said. "There is no question that the reach of this message will reach beyond. It is a simple message that has great appeal."

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"A few weeks ago, what began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons which life seem to hand you from time to time."

"Listening to a Saturday morning talk show, I heard an older sounding man with a golden voice. He was talking about "a thousands marbles" to someone named Tom. I was intrigued and sat down to listen."

"Well, Tom, it sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. It's hard to believe a young fellow should have to work 60 or 70 hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughters' dance recital."

"Let me tell you something Tom that has helped me to keep a good perspective on my own priorities. That's when he began to explain his

"After You Lose All Your Marbles"

theory of "a thousand marbles."

"A person lives about 75 years. Some live more and some live less, but on an average, folks live to about 75."

"I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3,900 which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their lifetime."

"It took me until I was 55 years old to think about all this in detail, and by

"This morning, I took the last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then God has blessed me with a little extra time to be with my loved ones."

"Tom, I hope you spend more time with your loved ones and I hope to meet you again, someday. Have a good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop when he finished. Even the show's moderator didn't have anything to say for a few moments. He gave us all a lot to think about.

I had planned to do some work that morning, then go to the gym and work out. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss.

"C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast."

"What brought this on?" She asked with a smile.

"Oh, nothing special," I said, "It has just been a long time since we spent a Saturdays together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."

Have a great day, may all your Saturdays be special and may you have many happy years, "After You Lose All Your Marbles!" *Author Unknown*



Picture of the Week

(L to R): Thomas Jefferson, President, Hamilton Park Civic League; La Toya, Dean-Dennis, ED of Heats of a Warrior Charitable Foundation; and Joe Brunton, ED of Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center in Hamilton Park.

that time I had lived through over 28 hundred Saturdays. If I lived to be 75, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy."

"I went to a toy store and brought every marble they had. I ended up visiting three toy stores to roundup 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them in a plastic container."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away." I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time on earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

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GREATER ALLEN TEMPLE A.M.E. CHURCH
July 29, 3:30 pm

The Elizabeth Boles Missionary Society invites you to Our Annual Missionary Day. Guest Preacher is Co-Pastor, Rev. Sonja B. Dickerson of Dayspring Family Church, Irving, TX

Greater Allen Temple A.M.E.
Rev. Samuel Baker Jr., Pastor
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Grand Prairie, TX 75050
972-790-0432

HILL CHAPEL CME CHURCH
July 27 & 28, 2007

Come to our Women's Retreat 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Central Suites, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, TX 75243. Speakers: Pastor Gloria Fenceroy, Mt. Olive Church of Plano; Dr. Jacquelyn Brown; Rev. Pat Thresher; Rev. Lisa Autry, Eirene Christian Fellowship; and Pastor Ouida Lee, UM Church of the Disciple.

For information and registration, call 972-423-4090.

Hill Chapel CME Church
Rev. Clarence Ford, Pastor
11311 Avenue I
Plano, TX 75074
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NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Today, July 19, 10 am

The Black Coalition to Maximize Education calls taxpayers' attention to a series of unfortunate and injurious actions by

Dallas Independent School District (DISD) and the Board of Education. The Coalition has a 35-year record of working to improve the quality of education while encouraging the community to protect the integrity of the institution of public education.

Come and get involved. For more information, contact Lewis Rhone @ 214-797-3552.

New Hope Baptist Church
Rev. Alfred Walker, Pastor
5002 South S.M. Wright Expwy
Dallas, TX 75215
214-421-5296

NDCC ALUMNI CHAPTER OF PRAIRIEVIEW A & M UNIVERSITY
July 28, 12 Noon - 2:30 pm

NDCC will host its 1st Annual Scholarship Luncheon @ the Westin Park Central Hotel in the Covington Room, 12720 Merit Drive, Dallas, TX 75251. This fund raiser is for scholarships. It's a Tax Exempt 501(c)3 organization. Make plans to attend this event.

For more information call Billy Heath @ 214-341-6459; Gwen Jackson @ 972-475-3237; James Atkins @ 972-470-0436; or Earnest Burke @ 972-398-6400.

NDCC Alumni Chapter of Prairie View A & M University
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972-669-0261

ON POINT MINISTRIES, INC.
July 28, 2 pm - 4 pm

Join us for Super Saturday, A FREE Entrepreneur Workshop @ 210 S. Cedar Ridge Road, Bldg. C, Suite 209, Duncanville, TX 75116 for Katrina evacuees and ex-offenders.

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SIMS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
August, 2007

Sims Chapel will be 92 years old this year. Come celebrate four different events with us: August 4, 6 pm to 8 pm, Our Celebratory Banquet, we will fellowship and eat in our Fellowship Hall.

August 5, 6 pm, Voices of Victory will present a musical with several guest choirs. Featured will be Sylvester "Sly" Jones, Saxophonist.

August 10, 7:30 pm, Our Victory Youth and Children will be jammin' along with other guests (a drill team, a mime ministry and a puppet ministry).

August 19, 4 pm, The Grand Finale--The Anniversary Hour, our guest church is New St. Phillip Baptist Church, Arcola, TX and others.

For more information, call Helen Shaw @ 972-226-4127

Sims Chapel MBC
Rev. Ronald Session, Pastor
317 Parker Drive
Garland, TX 75040
972-726-0014

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CARROLLTON
July 21, 10 am - 2 pm

You are invited to our 1st Youth Explosion School Supply Drive at the Old Downtown Carrollton Square. There will be singing, dance groups, etc. You can help by donating money or bring supplies to the church @ 1508 South Broadway, Carrollton, TX 75006.

For information contact Phylis Stromele @ 214-783-6276.

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With the first units of the so-called "heavy support package" slated to start deploying later this year, he said he would press for expeditious action. "I will push to accelerate our timetable to the maximum, to the extent that security and logistics allow." The Secretary-General also vowed to "push no less hard on the political front." Ban's Special Envoy Jan Eliasson today completed a two-day meeting in Tripoli, Libya. Participants adopted a communiqué on laying the groundwork for negotiations, starting with a meeting from 3 to 5 August in the Tanzanian

capital, Arusha, with "leading personalities" of the movements that have not signed the Darfur



Ban Ki-Moon

Peace Agreement (DPA) with a view to holding a first round of negotiations before the end of August. "Our intention is to step up the pace of political negotiations involving all parties – rebel lead-

ers, tribal leaders, Government leaders. The goal is to get them around a table by early September," he explained. He cautioned that a political accord must in turn be followed by development programmes

that go to the root causes of the conflict, warning that without this, "there can be no lasting solutions." The Tripoli meeting convened by the UN and the AU was also attended by officials from

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